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Congratulations to Alex Richter (middle) for tying for first in the Quad Cities Open with Hersh Singh

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Hello From the Editor:

Hello, I am Cub Noble, I am a Class A player here in Iowa and have been playing competitive chess for about a decade.

I competed in the Closed tournament in 2019 (scoring an amazing 0.5/5) and my high US Chess rating was around 1975.

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, I wrote a couple of newsletters for the Cedar Falls area. As a result, I was asked to help out with sending out the En Passant for the rest of the state.

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There was quite a bit of activity in the last half of 2019.

I hope everyone has been, is, and will continue to be safe during these uncertain times.

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Quad Cities Open

By: Luis Peralta

Last October 26th and 27th the Quad Cities Chess Open 2019 was celebrated at WIU in Moline. The event consisted of three categories, in which 45 players participated doing their best effort on each game. Alex Richter from Cedar Rapids and Hersh Singh won the open, Fidel Vallejo from Moline won the U1400 and Hector Sanchez-Melendez from Iowa City won the Beginners. Cash prizes were given in the Open and U1400 categories; while a chess clock, chess sets and medals were given in the Beginners category. WIU hosted the event and provided pizza, soft drinks and snacks sponsored by Hola America Newspaper for everyone. Eric Vigil, International Arbiter directed the Open and Tony Britton directed the U1400 and Beginners.

(1) Flowers ,Mark (1989) - Singh,Hersh (1746) [A05]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (1), 26.10.2019

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b5 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.0–0 e6 5.c3 c5 6.d3 d5 7.Re1 Be7 8.Qc2 d4 9.e3 dxe3 10.Bxe3 0–0 11.Nbd2 Nd5 12.Rad1 Nd7 13.c4 Nxe3 14.Rxe3 a6 15.Ne4 Qb6 16.Re2 Rac8 17.Red2 Nf6 18.b3 Rfd8 19.Ne5 Nd7 20.d4 cxd4 21.Nf3 e5 22.Nfg5 h6 23.Nf3 bxc4 24.bxc4 d3 25.Qxd3 Nc5 26.Qxd8+ Rxd8 27.Rxd8+ Bxd8 28.Nxc5 Qxc5 29.Rxd8+ Kh7 30.Rb8 Bc8 31.Nxe5 Be6 32.Bd5 Bxd5 33.cxd5 Qxd5 34.Re8 Qxa2 35.h4 f6 36.Nf3 Qd5 37.Kg2 a5 38.Re3 a4 39.Ra3 Qe4 40.Re3 Qd5 41.Kh2 Qc5 42.Nd2 a3 43.Nb3 Qf5 44.Kg2 Qd5+ 45.Kh2 a2 46.Na1 Qd1 47.Nb3 Qxb3 48.Rxb3 a1Q 49.Re3 Qf1 50.Rf3 h5 51.Rf5 Kg6 52.Rf4 Kf7 53.Rf5 g6 54.Rf4 Kg7 55.Rf3 g5 56.hxg5 fxg5 57.Rf5 Kg6 58.Rf3 h4 59.gxh4 gxh4 60.Rf8 Qc4 61.Rf3 Qe4 62.Rf8 Kg7 63.Rc8 Qf4+ 64.Kh1 Qf3+ 65.Kh2 h3 66.Rc7+ Kf6 67.Rc6+ Qxc6 68.Kxh3 Qf3+ 0–1

(3) Huang,Elton (1716) - Fiedorowicz,Owen (1949) [D02]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (1), 26.10.2019

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 Bd6 4.Bg3 Nf6 5.Nf3 0–0 6.c4 a6 7.Nc3 c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bh4 Be6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Be2 Nc6 12.Nd4 Nxd4 13.exd4 Be7 14.0–0 Ne4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Qd3 f5 17.f3 Nd6 18.Rae1 f4 19.Bd1 Qf7 20.Bb3 Kh8 21.Re5 Nf5 22.Bxd5 Bxd5 23.Nxd5 Rad8 24.Qe4 Nd6 25.Qd3 Nb5 26.Qe4 Rfe8 27.Nxf4 Rxe5 28.dxe5 Rd4 29.e6 Rxe4 30.exf7 Rxf4 31.Re1 g6 32.Re7 Kg7 33.f8Q+ Kxf8 34.Rxb7 Rf7 35.Rb6 Nc7 36.Kf2 Ke7 37.Ke2 Rf5 38.b4 Rf6 39.Rb8 Nd5 40.Rb7+ Kd6 41.Rxh7 Nc3+ 42.Kd3 Nxa2 43.Rh4 Kc6 44.Kc2 Kb5 45.Kb3 Nc1+ 46.Kc2 Rc6+ 47.Kb2 Nd3+ 48.Kb3 Ne5 49.Rd4 Nc4 50.Rd5+ Kb6 51.h4 Ne3 52.Rg5 Rf6 53.g3 Nf1 54.f4 Re6 55.Ka4 Nd2 56.f5 gxf5 57.Rxf5 Ne4 58.g4 Nd6 59.Rd5 Nb5 60.Rd3 Re4 61.Rf3 Nd4 62.Rf6+ Nc6 63.Ka3 Rxg4 64.h5 Rh4 65.h6 Kc7

66.Rf7+ Kd6 67.Rb7 Rxh6 68.b5 Rh3+ 69.Kb2 Rh2+ 70.Kb1 ½–½

(4) McEntee,Tim (2200) - Shulka,Abhyudaya (1753) [E87]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (1), 26.10.2019

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0–0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Qd2 Qe7 9.Bd3 Na6 10.0–0–0 Nd7 11.g4 Ndc5 12.Nge2 Nxd3+ 13.Qxd3 Nc5 14.Qd2 Bd7 15.h4 f6 16.Ng3 a4 17.h5 Rf7 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.Qh2 Kf8 20.Qh7 g5 21.Bxc5 dxc5 22.Nf5 Bxf5 23.Qxf5 Qd7 24.Rh7 Qxf5 25.exf5 Rd7 26.Ne4 Ra5 27.Nxf6 Rd6 28.Ne4 Rb6 29.Rdh1 a3 30.b3 Rba6 1–0

(5) Rector,Rick (1627) - Ricter,Alex (2328) [C02]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (1), 26.10.2019

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2 Nh6 7.Bxh6 Qxb2 8.Bxg7 Bxg7 9.Nbd2 Qxc3 10.Rc1 Qb4 11.Rb1 Qa3 12.Nb3 c4 13.Nc1 Qc3+ 14.Qd2 Qxd2+ 15.Kxd2 f6 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Kc3 Rg8 18.g3 Rg4 19.Ne5 Rxd4 20.Bh5+ Kf8 21.f4 Re4 22.Rf1 Kg7 23.Kd2 Nxe5 24.fxe5 Rxe5 25.Bg4 b5 26.Rxb5 Ba6 0–1

(6) Kaur,Aradh (1583) - Peralta,Luis (1908) [B33]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (1), 26.10.2019

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Bd2 0–0 8.Bd3 d6 9.0–0 Bg4 10.h3 Be6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Qa5 15.Qd2 Nh7 16.h4 f6 17.hxg5 fxg5 18.Kh2 Kg7 19.Rh1 Qc5 20.Kg1 Rf6 21.Be2 Raf8 22.Qe3 Qxe3 23.fxe3 Bg4 24.Rb1 Nd8 25.Rf1 Ne6 26.Bd1 Nc5 27.Re1 Nxe4 28.Nxe5 Nxg3 29.Nxg4 Rf1+ 30.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 31.Kh2 Rxh1+ 32.Kxg3 Rxd1 33.e4 Rd2 34.Ne3 Nf6 35.Kf3 Kg6 36.a4 h5 37.Nc4 Rxc2 38.Nxd6 Rxc3+ 39.Ke2 Ra3 40.Nxb7 Nxe4 41.a5 g4 42.Kf1 g3 43.Ke2 h4 44.Kf1 Nc3 45.Ke1 h3 46.gxh3 Ra1+ 47.Kd2 g2 48.Kxc3 g1Q 49.Kc4 Qc1+ 50.Kd3 Qb1+ 51.Kd2 Qxb7 52.Ke2 Ra3 53.Kf2 Qb2+ 54.Kg1 Ra1# 0–1

(7) Nowinski,David - Rao,Anjaneya (1875) [B21]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (1), 26.10.2019

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qd1 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f4 d6 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.Nf3 Qb6 9.Qe2 Bg7 10.Be3 Qa5 11.Bd2 Qc7 12.h3 0–0 13.0–0–0 a6 14.Bd3 b5 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Na5 17.Qxe7 Nc4 18.Bxc4 bxc4 19.Be3 Rfe8 20.Qh4 Rxe3 21.Ng5 h6 22.Nf3 Qb6 23.Qf2 Bxb2+ 24.Kb1 Bc3+ 0–1

(8) Curfman,Troy (1879) - West ,Lennon (1510) [D06]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (1), 26.10.2019

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 Qxd5 4.Nf3 Bf5 5.Nc3 Qd7 6.Qb3 c6 7.Ne5 Be6 8.Nxd7 Bxb3 9.Nxf6+ gxf6 10.axb3 Bg7 11.e4 Nd7 12.Be3 0–0 13.Be2 e6 14.0–0 e5 15.d5 cxd5 16.Nxd5 Kh8 17.Bg4 Rfd8 18.Rfc1 Nf8 19.Rc7 Ne6 20.Rxf7 Nd4 21.Bxd4 exd4 22.Rxb7 Bh6 23.Nxf6 d3 24.Rxh7# 1–0

(9) Menon,Gauri (1948) - Miller,Martin (1683) [A30]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (1), 26.10.2019

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 Bg4 4.e3 Nf6 5.g3 Nbd7 6.Bg2 Rb8 7.h3 Bh5 8.0–0

9.Qa4+ Nc6 10.d4 Qd7 11.dxc5 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Qxh3 13.Bxc6+ Kd8 14.Qxa7 Rc8 15.Qb6+ Rc7 16.Nb5 Ne8 17.Bxe8 1–0

(10) Noble,Cub (1979) - Gudino,Pedro (1719) [C55]
Quad Cities Open (1), 26.10.2019

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 Na5 7.Bb5+ c6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 Nxb3 10.axb3 0–0 11.Bxa7 b4 12.Ne2 c5 13.0–0 Bg4 14.c3 Qc7 15.Bxc5 Qxc5 16.d4 exd4 17.cxd4 Rxa1 18.Qxa1 Qc2 19.Ng3 Nxe4 20.Ne1 Qc6 21.Nd3 Nxg3 22.hxg3 Qb6 23.d5 Bf6 0–1

(11) Richter,Alex (2328) - Peralta,Luis (1908) [B22]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (2), 26.10.2019

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 e6 4.d4 d5 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bb5 a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.0–0 f6 9.Re1+ Kf7 10.Bf4 Bd6 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Nbd2 Ne7 13.Nb3 c4 14.Nc5 g5 15.b3 cxb3 16.axb3 h5 17.Qd3 a5 18.b4 a4 19.Rxa4 Rxa4 20.Nxa4 Ng6 21.Nc5 g4 22.Nd2 f5 23.b5 Nf4 24.Qb1 Ng6 25.b6 Bd7 26.Nxd7 Qxd7 27.Nb3 g3 28.fxg3 h4 29.Nc5 Qc8 30.b7 Qc7 31.Qxf5+ Kg7 32.Ne6+ 1–0

(12) West,Lennon (1510) - Rector,Rick (1627) [B00]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (2), 26.10.2019

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bc4 e6 4.d4 Na5 5.Bd3 Bg7 6.c3 Ne7 7.Bf4 d5 8.Qc2 Nac6 9.Nbd2 0–0 10.0–0 f5 11.e5 a6 12.c4 Nb4 13.Qb3 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 dxc4 15.Qxc4 Nd5 16.Bg5 Qe8 17.Nb3 b6 18.Rac1 Bb7 19.a3 f4 20.Qd3 a5 21.Rc2 Ba6 22.Qd1 Bxf1 23.Kxf1 Qb5+ 24.Kg1 Qxb3 25.Nd2 Qd3 26.Rc1 Qf5 0–1

(13) Rao,Anjaneya (1875) - McEntee,Tim (2200) [B00]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (2), 26.10.2019

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Be3 Nf6 5.Nbd2 g6 6.Be2 Bxf3 7.Bxf3 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.c4 Bg7 10.0–0 0–0 11.b4 Ne8 12.c5 f5 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Rc1 Nf6 16.Qb3 f4 17.Be2 g5 18.f3 Kh7 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.Rc3 Rfc8 21.Rfc1 Rxc3 22.Qxc3 Rd8 23.Bb5 a6 24.Be2 Ne8 25.Nb3 b5 26.Na5 Qa7+ 27.Kf1 Rd7 28.Nc6 Qb6 29.Qe1 Rc7 30.Qf2 Qxf2+ 31.Kxf2 Bf6 32.Ra1 Rb7 33.a4 Nc7 34.axb5 axb5 35.Ra7 Rxa7 36.Nxa7 Be7 37.Bxb5 Na8 38.Nc8 Bd8 39.Bc6 Nb6 40.Nxd6 Be7 41.Nb7 Bxb4 42.d6 Kg6 43.d7 Be7 44.d8Q Bxd8 45.Nxd8 Kf6 46.Bb5 Ke7 47.Nb7 Nc8 48.Ke2 Ke6 49.Kd3 Ne7 50.Be8 Ng8 51.Kc4 Nf6 52.Bg6 Ke7 53.Kc5 h5 54.Na5 g4 55.h3 gxh3 56.gxh3 Ng4 57.fxg4 f3 58.Nc4 f2 59.Nd2 hxg4 60.hxg4 Kf6 61.Bh5 Kg5 62.Kc4 1–0

(14) Singh,Hersh (1989) - Curfman,Troy (1879) [A63]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (2), 26.10.2019

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Bg2 Bg7 8.Nf3 0–0 9.0–0 a6 10.a4 Qc7 11.Bf4 Re8 12.Qd2 Nbd7 13.Rfe1 Rb8 14.Rab1 b5 15.b4 c4 16.axb5 axb5 17.Nd4 Ng4 18.h3 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 Ngf6 20.Ra1 Qb6 21.Qd2 Nf8 22.Be3 Qd8 23.Bg5 h5 24.Ra5 Bd7 25.Rea1 N8h7 26.Bf4 Rb6 27.Ra6 Bc8 28.Ra8 Qc7 29.R8a7 Qd8 30.R1a5 Bd7 31.Be3 Rb8 32.Bd4 Rf8 33.Qf4 Ne8 34.e4 g5 35.Qe3 f6 36.f4 g4 37.h4 Rf7 38.Kh2 Re7 39.Qd2 Ng7 40.Qa2 Be8 41.R7a6 Kf7 42.Qf2 Kg8 43.Ba7 Rc8 44.Bb6 Rec7 45.Ra7 Qe7 46.Bxc7 Rxc7 47.Qb6 Rxa7 48.Rxa7 Qf8 49.Nxb5 1–0

(15) Miller,Martin (1683) - Nowinski,David [A14]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (2), 26.10.2019

1.Nf3 e6 2.c4 d5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 c5 5.0–0 Nc6 6.b3 Be7 7.d3 Qd7 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bf4 d4 10.e4 Nh5 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Qxh5 Nxd3 13.Nd2 Nxf4 14.gxf4 0–0 15.e5 f6 16.Be4 f5 17.Bd3 Qc6 18.f3 Kh7 19.Ne4 g6 20.Qh3 Qe8 21.Ng3 g5 22.fxg5 Bxg5 23.f4 Be7 24.Kf2 Rg8 25.Nxf5 exf5 26.Bxf5+ Bxf5 27.Qxf5+ Qg6 28.Qxg6+ Rxg6 29.Kf3 Rf8 30.Ke4 Rg4 31.Kd5 Rfxf4 32.Rxf4 Rxf4 33.Ke6 Bf8 34.Re1 Rf3 35.Kd7 Re3 36.Rf1 Bg7 37.e6 Bf6 38.Rxf6 d3 39.Rf1 d2 40.Rd1 Rd3+ 41.Kc7 b6 42.e7 Re3 43.Rxd2 Rxe7+ 44.Rd7 Rxd7+ 45.Kxd7 Kg6 46.Kc6 Kg5 47.Kb7 Kh4 48.Kxa7 Kh3 49.Kxb6 Kxh2 1–0

(16) Fiedorowizc,Owen (1949) - Noble,Cub (1979) [B12]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (2), 26.10.2019

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 e6 7.Bg5 Qc7 8.Nd2 c5 9.c4 cxd4 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Ngf3 Nc6 12.0–0 Bc5 13.e6 Nge7 14.exf7+ Kxf7 15.Nb3 Rae8 16.Rac1 Nb4 17.Ne5+ Kg8 18.Qf3 Bd6 19.Qf7+ Kh7 20.Qxh5+ Kg8 21.Qxe8+ 1–0

(17) Kaur,Aradh (1583) - Flowers,Mark (1748) [B02]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (2), 26.10.2019

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.exd5 Nxd5 4.Nxd5 Qxd5 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0–0 e5 8.d3 0–0–0 9.Be3 h6 10.Nh4 Bd7 11.Nf3 Bc5 12.Bxc5 Qxc5 13.Qd2 Nd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.c3 Qd6 16.Qe3 b6 17.Qf3 Bc6 18.Qxf7 Rdf8 19.Qh5 Kb8 20.Rae1 g6 21.Qh3 Rf5 22.Qe3 Qf6 23.Bd1 h5 24.d4 Re8 25.dxe5 ½–½

(18) Giudno,Pedro (1719) - Menon,Gauri (1948) [C33]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (2), 26.10.2019

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 exf4 4.Bc4

Qh4+ 5.Kf1 Bd6 6.Nf3 Qf6 7.Kf2 Ne7 8.Nc3 Bf5 9.Re1 0–0 10.Ne4 Bxe4 11.Rxe4 Nd7 12.d4 Nb6 13.Ne5 Nbxd5 14.Bxd5 Nxd5 15.Kg1 Qf5 16.Qf3 f6 17.Re1 c6 18.Nd3 Rfe8 19.Bd2 g5 20.g4 Qg6 21.Rad1 f5 22.h3 fxg4 23.hxg4 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Re8 25.c4 Ne3 26.Ne5 Bxe5 27.Bxe3 Bxd4 28.Bxd4 Rxe1+ 29.Kf2 Qe4 30.Qxe4 Rxe4 31.Bf6 h6 32.b3 a6 0–1

(19) Shukla,Abhyudaya (1752) - Huang,Elton (1716) [C04]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (2), 26.10.2019

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nc6 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.e5 Nd7 6.Bd3 f6 7.exf6 Qxf6 8.c3 Bd6 9.0–0 0–0 10.Qc2 h6 11.h3 e5 12.dxe5 Ndxe5 13.Be2 Bf5 14.Qb3 Qe6 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Nc6 17.Bf3 Ne7 18.Rd1 Kh8 19.Nf1 Qg6 20.Ne3 Bxh3 21.Nxd5 Nxd5 22.Qxd5 c6 23.Qh5 Qxh5 24.Bxh5 Be6 25.Be3 Bd5 26.Be2 Rae8 27.Bd3 Bf4 28.Re1 Bc7 29.b3 Bb6 30.Bc4 Bf7 31.Rac1 Bg6 32.Bd3 Bf7 33.Bc4 Bg6 ½–½

(20) Flowers,Mark (1746) - Shukla,Abhyudaya (1753) [D73]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (3), 26.10.2019

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.c4 dxc4 6.Qa4+ Nc6 7.Qxc4 Be6 8.Qb5 0–0 9.e3 Bd5 10.Nc3 a6 11.Qe2 Be6 12.0–0 Nd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 14.Ne5 Qd6 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Bd2 Bd5 17.Rfc1 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Rfb8 19.b3 e5 20.Bc3 exd4 21.Bxd4 Bxd4 22.exd4 Qxd4 23.Qc4 Qd5+ 24.Kg1 Rb6 25.Qe2 Qb5 26.Qe7 Rb7 27.Rd1 Qb4 28.Qd7 c5 29.Rac1 Qa5 30.Rc2 Rab8 31.Re2 Qb5 32.Qxb5 axb5 33.Rc1 Rd8 34.Rxc5 Kf8 35.Rec2 Rd7 36.Kf1 Re7 37.Re2 Ke8 38.Ke1 Kd8 39.Rd5+ Rd7 40.Rde5 c6 41.Rc2 Kc7 42.b4 Kb6 43.Ke2 Rd4 44.a3 Rbd7 45.Rc3 Rd2+ 46.Ke3 Rd1 47.Rec5 Re7+ 48.Kf3 Re6 49.Kf4 h6 50.h4 Rf6+ 51.Kg4 Rxf2 [Black goes on to win, notation starts going off the rails. (Vigil)] **0–1**

(21) McEntee,Tim (2200) - Fiedorowicz,Owen (1949) [D31]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (3), 26.10.2019

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 Nf6 6.e3 Bd6 7.Bg5 Be6 8.Bd3 0–0 9.Qc2 h6 10.Bh4 Nbd7 11.Nge2 c6 12.Bg3 Nb6 13.0–0 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Bxg3 15.Nxg3 dxc4 16.Rad1 Nd5 17.a3 b5 18.Nce2 a5 19.e4 Nb6 20.Nf4 Qd6 21.Nxe6 fxe6 22.Rfe1 Rf7 23.Rd2 b4 24.e5 Qd5 25.Qg6 bxa3 26.bxa3 c3 27.Rdd1 Qa2 28.Rf1 Nc8 29.Qd3 Qxa3 30.Rc1 Ne7 31.Rxc3 Qb2 32.Rb3 Qa2 33.f3 Nd5 34.Ra3 Nf4 35.Rxa2 Nxd3 36.Rd1 Nb4 37.Ra4 Rd7 38.Ne4 Nd5 39.Rb1 Kf7 40.Rb3 Rda7 41.Kf2 Ke7 42.g3 Kf7 43.Nd6+ Kf8 44.Nc4 Nb4 45.Ke2 Ke7 46.Kd2 Kd8 47.Nb6 Rb8 48.Rbxb4 axb4 49.Rxa7 Rxb6 50.Kc2 b3+ 51.Kb2 Rb4 52.Rxg7 Rxd4 53.Kxb3 Rd3+ 54.Kc4 Rxf3 55.Rg6 Kd7 56.Rxh6 Rf5 57.Rh7+ Kd8 58.Kd4 c5+ 59.Kxc5 Rxe5+ 60.Kd6 Rd5+ 61.Kxe6 Rd3 62.Rh8+ Kc7 63.g4 Re3+ 64.Kf5 Kd6 65.h4 Rf3+ 66.Ke4 Rf1 67.g5 Ke6 68.h5 Kf7 69.g6+ Kg7 70.Rh7+ Kg8 71.Ke5 Rf2 72.Ra7 Rf1 73.h6 Re1+ 74.Kf4 Rf1+ 75.Ke3 Re1+ 76.Kf2 Re8 77.Kf3 Rb8 78.Rf7 Rb6 79.h7+ 1–0

(22) Curfman,Troy (1879) - Gudino,Pedro (1719) [E61]
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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bg5 0–0 6.e3 c5 7.d5 Qa5 8.Nd2 Nbd7 9.Be2 e5 10.0–0 Kh8 [I always wonder about the mysterious King move during a game? Why G8 to H8? there is not a bishop on the A2–G8 diagonal?]

11.f4 Ng8 [And then, Pedro moves the Knight back to g8? but why? that is what chess fans everywhere want to know.]

12.Nb5 exf4 13.Bxf4 Bxb2 14.Bxd6 [The dreaded game of chicken. Rooks en prise a1 and f8.]

14...f6 [interesting move, without f6 Pedro takes on a1 his bishop is retaken by the queen with check.]

15.Rb1 Be5 16.Bxf8 Nxf8 17.Nf3 Nd7 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Qb3 Bf5 20.Rb2 Qd8 21.Nc3 b6 22.Rd2 Qe8 23.e4 Bd7 24.a4 Kg7 25.Rb2 Ne7 26.a5 Rb8 27.Qa3 Nc8 28.axb6 axb6 29.Rfb1 Qe7 30.Nb5 Bxb5 31.Rxb5 Nd7 32.R5b2 Qxe4 33.Qf3 Qe7 34.Qg3 Rb7 35.Re1 Qe5 36.Qxe5 Nxe5 37.Reb1 Kf7 38.Rb5 Nd7 39.Bg4 f5 40.Be2 Nd6 41.R5b2 Ne4 42.Bf3 Nd6 43.Be2 Ne4 44.Bd3 Nd6 45.Re1 Nf6 46.Re6 Nc8 47.Rc6 Rb8 48.Rxc5 Ne8 49.Rc6 Ra8 50.Re2 Ned6 51.Re6 1–0

(23) Peralta,Luis (1908) - Miller,Martin (1683) [A56]
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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 e5 5.e4 Be7 6.f4 Nbd7 7.f5 g6 8.g4 0–0 9.g5 Nh5 10.f6 Ndxf6 11.gxf6 Bxf6 12.Be2 Bh4+ 13.Kd2 Nf4 14.Nf3 f5 15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.Qe1 Qd8 17.Rf1 fxe4 18.Nxe4 Bf5 19.Nc3 Qf6 20.Qg3 Nxe2 21.Nxe2 e4 22.Qe3 Qh4 23.Rf2 Bg4 24.Rxf8+ Rxf8 25.Qg3 [25.....e3+!!!!] **25...Qxg3 26.Nxg3 Rf2+ 27.Ke3 Rxh2 28.Kxe4 Rh4 29.Bf4 Bd7 30.Rh1 Rg4 31.Kf3 g5 32.Bxd6 Rxc4 33.Be5 g4+ 34.Ke3 Rc2 35.Ne4 Bf5 36.Nd6 Bd7**

37.Nxb7 Rc4 38.Nd6 Rc2 39.Bc3 Rg2 40.Ne4 Bf5 41.Nxc5 Rg3+ 42.Kf4 Rf3+ 43.Kg5 Bc8 44.Rd1 Rf7 45.Ne6 Bd7 46.Kxg4 h6 47.Rh1 Kh7 48.Bd2 Rf6 49.Rxh6+ Rxh6 50.Bxh6 Kxh6 51.Kf5 Kh5 52.Ke5 Kg4 53.Nc5 Kf3 54.Nxd7 1–0

(24) Menon,Gauri (1948) - Richter,Alex (2328) [D55]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (3), 26.10.2019

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.d4 Be7 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg5 0–0 6.e3 b6 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bxe7 Qxe7 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Bd3 g6 12.0–0 c5 13.Ne5 c4 14.Be2 b5 15.a3 a5 [I am digging the pawn storming on the queen side. Taking some serious "space". I would call Alex a Space Invader but it would show my age in video games.]

16.Qc2 Nc6 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.Bf3 f5 19.g3 Kg7 20.Bg2 Rfb8 21.Rfe1 b4 22.axb4 Qxb4 23.Rb1 a4 24.f3 a3 25.bxa3 Qxa3 26.e4 Rxb1 27.Qxb1 Qc3 28.exf5 Qxd4+ 29.Kh1 Re8 30.fxg6 hxg6 31.h4 Rxe1+ 32.Qxe1 Qf6 33.f4 c3 34.Qd1 d4 35.Kh2 Bxg2 36.Kxg2 Qc6+ 37.Kf2 Qc5 38.Kf3 c2 39.Qc1 Qc3+ 40.Kg4 d3 41.Qe3 Qc8+ 42.Kf3 c1Q 43.Qe5+ Kh7 44.Qe7+ Kg8 45.Qf6 Q8c6+ 46.Qxc6 Qxc6+ 47.Ke3 Qc2 48.g4 d2 49.h5 d1Q 50.hxg6 Qdd3# 0–1

(25) Noble,Cub (1979) - Kaur,Aradh (1583) [C55]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (3), 26.10.2019

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7 5.0–0 d6 6.c3 0–0 7.Re1 Bg4 8.Bg5 a6 9.Bb3 Qd7 10.Nbd2 Rad8 11.Nf1 h6 12.Bh4 Bh5 13.Ne3 Ng4 14.Nf5 Bxh4 15.N3xh4 Na5 16.h3 Nf6 17.Qd2 Nxb3 18.axb3 Rfe8 19.Nxg7! Kh7 20.Nhf5 Ng8 21.Nxh5 d5 22.Nf6+ Nxf6 23.Qxh6+ Kg8 24.Qg7# 1–0

(26) Rao,Anjaneya (1875) - Singh,Hersh (1989) [C55]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (3), 26.10.2019

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7 5.0–0 0–0 6.Be3 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Nbd2 Kh8 9.Bxd5 Qxd5 10.Ne4 f5 11.Nc3 Qf7 12.Re1 Qg6 13.Kh1 Be6 14.Qe2 a6 15.d4 e4 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 f4 18.Bd2 f3 19.Qf1 Rad8 20.Rad1 fxg2+ 21.Qxg2 Bg4 22.Qxe4 Bf3+ 0–1

(27) Nowinski,David - Lennon,Barry West (1510) [C20]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (3), 26.10.2019

1.e4 e5 2.Qh5 Nc6 3.Bc4 [Dude? Really? the scholars mate? at this level.] **3...g6 4.Qf3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bg7 6.Nbc3 0–0 7.d3 d6 8.h3 Na5 9.Bg5 Nxc4 10.dxc4 Be6 11.b3 c6 12.0–0–0 a6 13.c5 d5 14.exd5 cxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Rxd5 Qxd5 17.Bxf6 Qxf3 18.gxf3 Bxf6** [that was seriously messy... with white getting their nose bloodied.] **19.h4 Rac8 20.b4 Rc7 21.Ng3 Be7 22.Ne4 Rfc8 23.c3 a5 24.a3 f5 25.Nd2 axb4 26.cxb4 b6 27.Kb2 bxc5 28.b5 c4 29.Nb1 Rb8 30.a4 Ra8 31.Nc3 Bf6 32.Ra1 e4 33.fxe4 fxe4 34.Kc2 Bxc3 35.Kxc3 Rd8 36.Rc1 Rd3+ 37.Kb4 c3 38.b6 Rc8 39.Rc2 Rd2 40.Rxc3 Rxc3 41.Kxc3 Rxf2 42.a5 e3 43.b7** [Black did not count the squares and forgot that promotion is a check. Boom! and the Scholars mate attempt is a winner.] **43...Rf8 44.Kd3 Rb8 45.a6 Re8 46.Ke2 Kf7 47.a7 1–0**

(28) Richter,Alex (2328) - Singh,Hersh (1989) [C24]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (4), 27.10.2019

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 c6 4.Nf3 d5 5.Bb3 Bd6 6.Nc3 dxe4 7.Nxe4 Nxe4 8.dxe4 0–0 9.0–0 Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.Qe2 Qc7 12.g4 Bg6 13.Nh4 Nd7 14.a3 Nc5 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.Ba2 Qe7 17.g5 Ne6 18.Qg4 Nf4 19.Be3 Nh5 20.Rad1 Rfd8 21.b4 Qc7 22.Rd2 Bf8 23.Rfd1 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 Rd8 25.Qd1 Rxd2 26.Qxd2 a5 27.c3 Be7 28.Bc4 Nf4 29.h4 Bd6 30.Kh2 axb4 31.axb4 Qe7 32.f3 Kf8 33.Qa2 Qc7 34.Qa8+ Qb8 35.Qxb8+ Bxb8 36.Bc5+ Ke8 37.b5 cxb5 38.Bxb5+ Kd8 39.Bc4 Ke8 40.Kg3 f6 41.Kg4 Bc7 42.Bb5+ Kf7 43.Bd7 Nd3 44.Be3 Bd6 45.Bc8 Bc5 46.Bd2 b6 47.Ba6 Nf2+ 48.Kg3 f5 49.Bc4+ Ke7 50.exf5 gxf5 51.Be2 e4 52.Kf4 e3 53.Be1 g6 54.Bf1 Nd1 55.Ke5 Ba3 56.Be2 Nf2 57.Kd5 Bd6 58.Bf1 Bg3 59.Kc6 Bxh4 60.Kxb6 Bxg5 61.c4 Kd7 62.Kb7 Be7 63.Kb6 Bd8+ 64.Kb5 g5 65.c5 Bc7 66.c6+ Kc8 67.Kc5 g4 68.fxg4 fxg4 69.Kd5 g3 70.Bxf2 exf2 71.Ke4 ½–½

(29) Shulda,Abhyudaya (1753) - Rector,Richard (1627) [E91]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (4), 26.10.2019

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.c4 Nd7 5.Nc3 c5 6.d5 Ngf6 7.Be2 a6 8.0–0 0–0 9.Ne1 Ne8 [OK? what is with the Knights going to the back row? is this a secret handshake between members of the ILLOWA chess club?] **10.f4 Bd4+ 11.Kh1 e5 12.f5 Kg7 13.g4 g5** [Another ILLOWA chess tactic, forward pawn thinking.] **14.f6+ Ndxf6 15.Bxg5 h6 16.Bh4 Bxc3 17.bxc3 Qa5 18.Qd3 Nh7 19.Rg1 Ng5 20.Rg3 Rh8 21.Nf3 f6 22.Bxg5 hxg5 23.Ne1 Bd7 24.Ng2 b5 25.Ne3 Rb8 26.Kg1 b4 27.cxb4 Rxb4 28.a3 Rb2 29.Rg2 Rh3 30.Nf5+ Bxf5 31.Qxh3 Bxe4 32.Rf2 Qb6 33.Qe3 Bg6 34.Rff1 Rb3 35.Qf2 Qa5 36.Bf3 Rxa3 37.Qb2 Rxa1 38.Rxa1 Qb4 39.Qxb4 cxb4 40.Rxa6 b3 41.Rb6 Bc2 42.Kf2 Kg6 43.Ke1 f5 44.gxf5+ Kxf5 45.Bd1 Ke4 46.Bxc2+ bxc2 47.Kd2 Kd4 48.Rc6 c1Q+ 49.Kxc1 Kc3 50.c5 dxc5 51.d6 1–0**

(30) Curfman,Troy (1879) - Menon,Gauri (1948) [E06]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (4), 27.10.2019

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Nf3 c5 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.0–0 Be7 7.Nc3 dxc4 8.Qa4 0–0 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Qxc4 Qe7 11.Bg5 e5 12.Nd5 Qd6 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Nxf6+ Qxf6 15.Qxc5 Bg4 16.Qc4 Qf5 17.Nh4 Qh5 18.Bf3 Nd4 19.Qd3 Rad8 20.Qe4 Nxf3+ 21.exf3 Bh3 22.Rfd1 b6 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Ng2 Rd4 25.Qa8+ Kg7 26.g4 Qg5 27.Qxa7 h5 28.Qb7 hxg4 29.f4 exf4 30.Qxb6 Qd5 31.Ne1 Re4 32.f3 Re2 33.a4 gxf3 34.Qb4 f2#

(31) Gudino,Pedro (1719) - Nowinski,David [C02]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (4), 27.10.2019

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6

5.Nf3 Qa5 6.a3 Bd7 7.Be2 Nge7 8.0–0 Nf5 9.g4 Nfe7 10.Nbd2 f6 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.exf6 gxf6 13.Nxc5 0–0–0 14.c4 dxc4 15.Bxc4 e5 16.Ne6 Bxe6 17.Bxe6+ Kb8 18.d5 Nxd5 19.Bxd5 Ne7 20.Qa4 Nxd5 21.Rd1 Nb6 22.Qb3 Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1 Bd6 24.Be3 e4 25.Rc1 Nc4 26.Rxc4 Bxh2+ 27.Nxh2 Qxc4 28.Qd6+ Ka8 29.Qxf6 Qg8 30.Bd4 1–0

(32) Fiedorowicz,Owen (1949) - Rao,Anjaneya (1875) [B53]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (4), 27.10.2019

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.Qd3 g6 7.0–0 Bg7 8.c4 Nf6 9.Nc3 0–0 10.h3 Rc8 11.Be3 a6 12.Bxc6 Bxc6 13.Nd2 Nd7 14.f3 Ne5 15.Qe2 Nxc4 16.Qxc4 Bb5 17.Qb3 Bxf1 18.Nxf1 b5 19.Nd5 e6 20.Nb4 a5 21.Nd3 b4 22.Rd1 Rc6 23.Bf4 Qb6+ 24.Kh1 Rfc8 25.Ne3 Bd4 26.Re1 Qa6 27.Bh6 a4 28.Qd1 Qb5 29.Qd2 Bxe3 30.Qxe3 Qb6 31.Qg5 Qd8 32.Nxb4 Qxg5 33.Bxg5 Rc4 34.a3 Kf8 35.Rd1 f6 36.Bf4 e5 37.Be3 Ke7 38.Nd5+ Ke6 39.Nb6 R4c6 40.Nxc8 Rxc8 41.Rc1 Rb8 42.Rc4 1–0

(33) Peralta,Luis (1908) - McEntee,Tim (2200) [E00]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (4), 27.10.2019

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.a3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 Bg7 8.f4 [You know all these ILLOWA chess players play f4 a lot, all this pawn pushing. A trend develops, Open Tactical Games. You had better be sharp playing one of these ILLOWA players.] **8...0–0 9.Bd3 Re8 10.Nge2 Bg4 11.0–0 a6 12.h3 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 b5 14.f5 Nfd7 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.Bf4 Ne5 17.Bxe5 Bxe5 18.Qf3 Rf8 19.Rae1 Nd7 20.Nd1 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Ne5 22.Qg3 c4 23.Bb1 a5 24.Re2 b4 25.Ne3 Bxe3 26.Rxe3 Kg7 27.b3 c3 28.a4 Rh8 29.Kg1 Qh4 30.Rf4 Qxg3 31.Rxg3 Rhe8 32.Bc2 Ra7 33.h4 Nd7 34.h5 Ne5 35.Kf2 Rh8 36.Rf5 Rh6 37.Ke3 Kf8 38.Rf6 Ke7 39.hxg6 Rxg6 40.Rfxg6 Nxg6 41.Kd4 Ra8 42.Kc4 Rb8 43.Kd4 Ne5 44.Rg5 Rh8 45.Rf5 Rh1 46.Rf2 Re1 47.g3 Rg1 48.Re2 Rxg3 0–1**

(34) Huang,Elton (1716) - Noble,Cub (1979) [D02]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (4), 27.10.2019

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Nf3 c5 5.Nc3 a6 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd3 b5 8.h3 Bb7 9.0–0 Nc6 10.a3 d4 11.exd4 Nxd4 12.Be2 Nxe2+ 13.Qxe2 Nd5 14.Rad1 0–0 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Rfe1 Qc8 17.Ne5 Qb7 18.Qg4 f6 19.Nd3 Ba7 20.Nb4 f5 21.Qg3 Be4 22.Rd2 Rf6 23.Red1 Rg6 24.Bg5 Rf8 25.Rd8 Qb6 26.Rxf8+ Kxf8 27.Qh4 Qxf2+ 28.Qxf2 Bxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Rxg5 30.g3 a5 31.Nd3 Rh5 32.Nf4 Rh6 33.Rd6 Ke7 34.Rb6 g5 35.Ne2 Rxh3 36.Rxb5 Bxc2 37.Rxa5 h5 38.b4 Rh2+ 39.Ke3 h4 40.gxh4 Rxh4 41.Nd4 Re4+ 42.Kd2 Rxd4+ 43.Kxc2 g4 44.Re5 g3 45.Re1 f4 46.b5 f3 47.b6 f2 48.Rb1 g2 49.b7 Rd8 50.b8Q Rxb8 51.Rxb8 f1Q 52.Rb7+ Kf6 53.Rd7 g1Q 0–1

(35) Miller,Martin (1683) - Flowers,Mark (1746) [A11]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (4),

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Na3 Be6 6.Qc2 Qd5 7.0–0 g6 8.h4 Bf5 9.Qxc4 Qxc4 10.Nxc4 Bg7 11.Ne3 Bd7 12.Rb1 0–0 13.Ne5 Be6 14.b3 Nd5 15.N5c4 Na6 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Na5 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Rab8 19.Ba3 Bf6 20.b4 Nc7 21.Rfc1 Rfc8 22.Bb2 Bxb2 23.Rxb2 a6 24.a4 Kf8 25.Rbc2 Ke8 26.Nb3 Ne6 27.b5 axb5 28.axb5 Kd7 29.b6 Ra8 30.d4 h5 31.Nc5+ Nxc5 32.dxc5 Ke6 33.Rd2 Rd8 34.Rxd8 Rxd8 35.Ra1 Rb8 36.Rd1 Ra8 37.Kf3 Ra5 38.Rc1 Kd5 39.e4+ Kd4 40.Kf4 e5+ 41.Kg5 Rxc5 42.Rd1+ Kxe4 43.Rd7 Rb5 44.Rxb7 c5 45.Rc7 Rxb6 46.Rxc5 Kf3 47.Rxe5 Kxf2 48.Re7 Rb5+ 49.Kh6 Rf5 0–1

(36) Britton (the Jedi Smurph),Tony (1267) - Kaur,Aradh (1583) [C84]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (4),
27.10.2019

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0–0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.c3 d6 8.d3 0–0 9.Be3 Bg4 10.Nbd2 Qd7 11.Qc2 h6 12.Nh4 Nxe4 13.Nhf3 Ng5 14.Bd5 Nxf3+ 15.Nxf3 Be6 16.Qb3 Na5 17.Bxe6 Qxe6 18.Qxe6 fxe6 19.a4 Nc6 20.Nd2 d5 21.d4 exd4 22.cxd4 Nb4 23.Rfc1 Nd3 24.Rxc7 Bb4 25.Nf3 Nxb2 26.axb5 axb5 27.Rb1 Nd3 28.Rb7 Rfb8 29.Rxb8+ Rxb8 30.Bf4 Nxf4 31.Rxb4 Rc8 32.h4 Rc4 33.Rxb5 Ne2+ 34.Kf1 Nxd4 35.Nxd4 Rxd4 36.g3 Kf7 37.Ke2 Kf6 38.Ke3 e5 39.f4 g5 40.fxe5+ Kxe5 41.h5 Re4+ 42.Kf3 g4+ 43.Kf2 Kf6 44.Rxd5 Re5 45.Rd4 Kg5 46.Rd1 Kxh5 47.Rh1+ Kg5 48.Re1 [Noooooo! the Force does not like trading rooks! Tony, what did GM Bobby Fischer say, when you are ahead trade pieces not when you are behind....)]
48...Rxe1 49.Kxe1 Kf5 50.Kf2 Ke4 51.Ke2 h5 52.Kf2 Kd3 53.Kg2 Ke2 54.Kg1 Kf3 55.Kh2 0–1

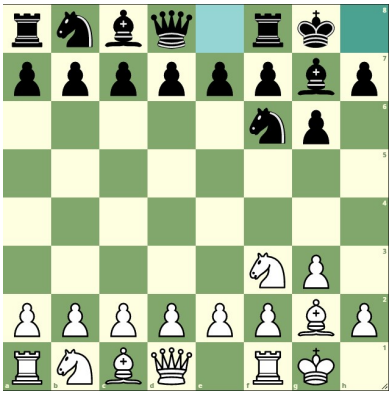
(37) Rao,Anjaneya (1875) - Peralta,Luis (1908) [B33]
Qhad Cities Open 2019 (4),
27.10.2019

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Nb3 a6 7.Be3 Bb4 8.f3 [I swear moving the f Pawn and these ILLOWA Players :-)] **8...0–0 9.Bc4 d6 10.0–0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 b5 12.Bd5 Qc7 13.f4 Ng4 14.Bc1 Nf6 15.fxe5 Nxd5 16.Qxd5 dxe5 17.Ba3 Be6 18.Qd2 Rfd8 19.Qf2 Bc4 20.Rfd1 a5 21.Bc5 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 a4 23.Nc1 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8 25.Qe1 Qg5 26.a3 Nd8 27.Nd3 Ne6 28.Be3 Qh5 29.Nf2 f6 30.Qd2 Qe2 31.Qxe2 Bxe2 32.Nd3 h5 33.Kf2 Bd1 34.Nb4 h4 35.Ke1 Bh5 36.Kd2 Bf7 37.Nd5 Nd8 38.Bf2 h3 39.g3 f5 40.Ne7+ Kh7 41.Nxf5 g6 42.Nd6 Bc4 43.Be3 Ne6 44.g4 Kg7 45.g5 Kf8 46.Nxc4 bxc4 47.Ke2 Ke7 48.Kf3 Kd6 49.Kg4 Nc7 50.Bc1 Ne6 51.Kxh3 Nc5 52.Kg4 Nxe4 53.h4 Ke6 54.h5 gxh5+ 55.Kxh5 Ng3+ 56.Kh6 Nf5+ 57.Kh7 e4 58.g6 Kf6 59.Be3 Ke5 60.g7 Nxg7 61.Kxg7 Kf5 62.Kf7 Kg4 63.Ke6 Kf3 64.Bh6 e3 65.Bxe3 Kxe3 66.Kd5 Kd2**

67.Kxc4 Kxc2 68.Kb4 Kd3 69.c4 Kd4 70.c5 Kd5 71.Kb5 Kd4 72.c6 Kc3 73.c7 Kb3 74.c8Q Kxa3 75.Qc4 Kb2 76.Kb4 a3 77.Qb3+ 1–0

(38) Flowers,Mark (1746) - Gudino,Pedro (1719) [E69]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (5), 27.10.2019

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0–0 0-0



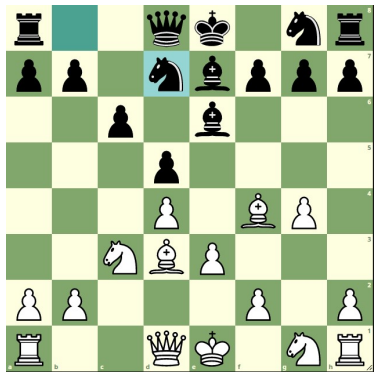
[OK with a start like this do we have any suspicion that this game may end up a draw?] 5.**d4 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nc3 c6 8.e4 e5 9.h3 Qc7 10.Be3 a6 11.a4 c5 12.d5 Ne8 13.b3 f5 14.Ng5 Nef6 15.f4 Nxe4 16.Ncxe4 fxe4 17.fxe5 ½–½**

(39) Shukla,Abhyudaya (1753) - Fiedorowicz,Owen (1949) [C56]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (5), 27.10.2019

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.e5 d5 6.Bb5 Ne4 7.Nxd4 Bd7 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.0–0 Bc5 10.Be3 Bb6 11.c3 Rb8 12.f3 Ng5 13.Nd2 c5 14.N4b3 Ne6 15.Bf2 Qg5 16.c4 Qxe5 17.Re1 Qd6 18.Bg3 Qc6 19.Re5 dxc4 20.Nxc4 0–0 21.a4 a6 22.Nba5 Bxa5 23.Nxa5 Qb6 24.Qxd7 Qxa5 25.Rxe6 fxe6 26.Bxc7 Qb4 27.Qxe6+ Kh8 28.Bxb8 Rxb8 29.Qxa6 Qxb2 30.Rd1 h6 31.Qc4 Qa3 32.Rc1 Qe3+ 33.Kh1 Rb4 34.Qc2 Rxa4 35.h3 Ra5 36.Qc3 Qxc3 37.Rxc3 Kg8 38.Kg1 Kf7 39.Kf2 Ke6 40.Ke3 Kd5 41.Rd3+ Kc6 42.h4 c4 43.Rc3 Kc5 44.g4 Kb4 45.Rc1 Rd5 46.Ke4 Rd7 47.f4 c3 48.f5 Kb3 49.g5 hxg5 50.hxg5 Kb2 51.Rf1 c2 52.f6 Rd1 53.Rf2 gxf6 54.gxf6 Kb1 55.Rxc2 Kxc2 56.Ke5 Kd3 57.f7 Rf1 58.Ke6 Rxf7 59.Kxf7 ½–½

(40) McEntee,Tim (2200) - Rickter,Alex (2328) [D31]
Qhad Cities Open 2019 (5), 27.10.2019

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 Be7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 Bf5 7.g4 Be6 8.Bd3 Nd7



9.f3 [I think Tim has been letting the ILLOWA Chess Club and their funky advance pawn formations sink into his play via osmosis.] **9...Ngf6 10.Nge2 Qb6 11.Qc2 h6 12.0–0 g5 13.Bg3 h5 14.gxh5 Nxh5 15.Bf2 Bd6 16.Ng3 Qc7 17.Nce2 0–0–0 18.b4 Bxb4 19.Rfb1 Bd6 20.Rb2 Nb8 21.Rab1 b6 22.a4 Nxg3 23.Bxg3 Bxg3 24.Nxg3 Rh3 25.Bf1 Rh6 26.a5 b5 27.a6 Rdh8 28.Rc1 Bd7 29.Qf2 Kd8 30.Rbc2 Qb6 31.Qe1 Nxa6 32.Bd3**

Nb8 33.Bf5 Qc7 34.Bxd7 Nxd7 35.Rg2 Nb6 0–1

(41) Singh,Hersh (1989) - Menon,Gauri (1948) [D41]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (5), 27.10.2019

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2 0–0 6.0–0 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.e4 Nf6 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.d5 exd5 11.exd5 Nb4 12.Ne1 Bf5 13.a3 Na6 14.d6 Bxd6 15.Bxb7 Bh3 16.Bxa6 Bxf1 17.Bxf1 Be5 18.Qc2 Qe7 19.Bg5 Qe6 20.Bg2 Rab8 21.Nd3 Qf5 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Be4 Qc8 24.Nd5 Qe6 25.Nxc5 Qd6 26.Nxf6+ gxf6 27.Rd1 Qc7 28.Bxh7+ Kh8 29.Nd7 Qxc2 30.Bxc2 Rxb2 31.Nxf8 Rxc2 32.Rd3 Kg7 33.Nd7 Kg6 34.Kg2 Kf5 35.Rf3+ Ke6 36.Nxf6 a5 37.h4 Rc4 38.Nh7 f6 39.Nxf6 Kf7 40.g4 Kg6 41.Kg3 a4 42.Nd7 Re4 43.Nc5 Rc4 44.h5+ Kh6 45.Ne6 Rc8 46.Re3 Re8 47.g5+ Kh7 48.Kg4 Kh8 49.g6 Kg8 50.h6 Kh8 51.Nc7 Rxe3 52.fxe3 Kg8 53.Kf5 Kh8 54.Kf6 Kg8 55.g7 Kh7 56.Kf7 Kxh6 57.g8Q Kh5 58.Qg3 Kh6 59.Qg6# 1–0

(42) Nowinski,David - Britton (the Jedi Smurph),Tony (1267) [B21]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (5), 27.10.2019

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qd1 g6 5.f4 e5 6.Nf3 d6 7.Bb5 a6 8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.fxe5 Bg4 10.exd6 Bxd6 11.0–0 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Qc7 13.g3 0–0–0 14.Nc3 Be5 15.Bf4 f6 16.Rad1 Ne7 17.Rd3 Qb6+ 18.Rf2 Qxb2 19.Bxe5 fxe5 20.Rfd2 Rxd3 21.Qxd3 Qb6+ 22.Kg2 Rd8 23.Qe2 Rxd2 24.Qxd2 Kc7 25.h4 Ng8 26.Qg5 Qc5 27.Qd2 h6 28.g4 Qe7 29.Kg3 g5 30.h5 Nf6 31.Qe2 Qa3 32.Qf3 Qb2 33.Qd3 Qc1 34.Ne2 Qh1 35.Qf3 Nxe4+ 36.Qxe4 Qxe4 37.Kf2 Qxc2 38.a3 Qb2 39.Ke3 Qxa3+ 40.Ke4 Qb2 41.Ng3 a5 42.Nf5 Qe2+ 43.Ne3 a4 44.Kf5 Qxe3 45.Kg6 a3 46.Kxh6 a2 47.Kg6 a1Q 48.h6 Qe4+ 49.Kxg5 Qc1+ 50.Kh5 Qch1+ 51.Kg5 Qf4+ 52.Kg6 Qhxh6# 0–1

(43) Rechtor,Richard (1627) - Huang,Elton (1716) [C02]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (5), 27.10.2019

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2 Bd7 7.0–0 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nge7 9.Na3 Nf5 10.Nc2 Be7 11.g3 0–0 12.Bd3 h6 13.g4 Nh4 14.Nxh4 Bxh4 15.g5 hxg5 16.Qh5 g6 17.Bxg6 fxg6 18.Qxg6+ Kh8 19.Qh6+ Kg8 20.Qg6+ Kh8 21.Qh6+ Kg8 22.Qg6+ ½–½

(44) Kaur,Aradh (1583) - Miller,Martin (1683) [B13]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (5), 27.10.2019

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 Nc6 6.0–0 e6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Re1 0–0 10.Qd2 Nd7 11.Bxe7 Nxe7 12.h3 Bh5 13.Ng5 Bxe2 14.Qxe2 Nf5 15.Nf3 a6 16.Rad1 Nh4 17.Nxh4 Qxh4 18.Qf3 Rac8 19.Rd3 Rc4 20.Qe3 Rfc8 21.Red1 Nf6 22.Qg3 Qxg3 23.Rxg3 Ne4 24.Nxe4 dxe4 25.c3 f5 26.d5 Rd8 27.b3 Rc5 28.d6 Rc6 29.d7 Rc7 30.Rd6 Kf7 31.c4 Rdxd7 32.Rxd7+ Rxd7 33.Kf1 Rd2 34.a4 Kf6 35.Ke1 Rc2 36.Kf1 f4 37.Rg4 e5 38.g3 h5 39.Rh4 Kg5 40.a5 Rb2 41.c5 Rxb3 42.Kg2 Rc3 43.Kh2 Rxc5 44.Kg2 Rxa5 45.Kh2 Ra2 46.Kg2 Rc2 47.Kg1 a5 48.Kg2 e3 49.Kg1 e2 50.Kg2 e1Q 51.gxf4+ exf4 52.Kh2 Qxf2+ 53.Kh1 Qg2# 0–1

Noble, Cub (1979)—Curfman,Troy (1879) [B21]
Quad Cities Open 2019 (5), 27.10.2019

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. e5 Ne4 6. Bd3 Bb4 7. Bd2 Nxd2 8. Q xd2O-O 9. a3 Be7 10. h4 Na5 11. Qe2 b6 12. Bxh7+! Kxh7 13. Ng5+ Kg6 14. Qd3+ f5 15. exf6+ Kxf6

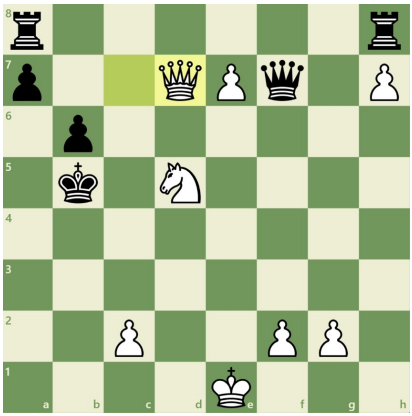
16. h5 (16. Qf3+ Kg6 17. h5+ Kh6 18. Qd3 Rf5 19. Nf7+) (16. Rh3 Bd6 17. Qh7) **16... Bd6 17. Qg6+ Ke7 18. Qxg7+ Ke8 19. h6?** (19. Qg6+ Kd7 (19... Ke7 20. h6))

19... Qe7 20. Qg6+ Kd7 21. h7 Bb7 22. Kf1? (22. Nb5 Bf4 23. Nh3 Bd6 24. Nxd6 cxd6 25. O-O-O =)

22... Nc6 23. Rd1? (23. Nxd5!! exd5 (23... Qe8 24. Nf6+ Rxf6 25. Qxf6 +-) 24. h8=Q Ba6+ 25. Kg1 Rxh8 26. Qf5+ Kd8 27. Rxh8+ Qe8 28. Ne6+ Kc8 29. Nc5+ Kb8 30. Rxe8+ Nd8 31. Rxd8+)

23... Bf4 24. Nf3 Rh8 25. Re1 Nd8 26. Rh4 Bd6 27. Ng5 e5?? 28. dxe5 Bc5 29. Rf4 Qe8 30. e6+ Kc6 31. Qg7 Be7 32. Nf7 +- (32. Rc4+!! dxc4 33. Qe5 b5 34. Qxb5+ Kd6 35. Rd1+ Bd5 36. Qxd5#)

32... Nxf7 33. Rxf7 Bd6 34. b4? Bc8 35. b5+ Kb7 36. e7 Bd7 37. a4 Bb4 38. Nxd5 Bxe1 39. Kxe1 Bxb5 40. Qe5?? (40. axb5 Qxb5 41. Nxc7!) **40... Qxf7 41. Qxc7+ Ka6 42. axb5+ Kxb5 43. Qd7+??**



(43. c4+! Ka6 44. Qc6 +- Qh5 45. Nc7+ Ka546. Nxa8 Qe5+ 47. Kd2 Qd4+ 48. Ke2 Qe5+ 49. Kd3 Kb4 50. Nc7 Qc3+ 51. Ke4 Qc2+ 52. Ke5 Qe2+ 53. Qe4 Qh5+ 54. Kd6 Qh6+ 55. Kd7 Qxh7 56. Qxh7 Rxh7) **43... Kc5 44. Nc7 Rxh7 45. Qb5+ Kd4 46. Qb4+ Qc4 47. Qd6+ Kc3 48. Qe5+ Kxc2 49. f3 Qc3+ 50. Qxc3+ Kxc3 51. Nxa8 Rxe7 1/2-1/2**

[This was a chaotic game where I had countless chances to convert it, but never managed to find the knockout blow. Letting this one slip away was quite painful. —Cub N.]

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No.	PLAYERS FULL NAME -- AS SHOWN ON MEMBERSHIP CARD --	RATING	Round 1 COLOR	Round 1 OPP.	Round 2 COLOR	Round 2 OPP.	Round 3 COLOR	Round 3 OPP.	Round 4 COLOR	Round 4 OPP.	Round 5 COLOR	Round 5 OPP.	SCORE	NEW RATING	RATING ADJ	NORMS EARNED
1	Alex Richter ID No. 14481855	2314	B	15 1	W	11 1	B	5 1	W	2 0.5	B	3 1	4.5	2317	3	
2	Hersh Singh ID No. 15024326	2031	B	13 1	W	9 1	B	6 1	B	1 0.5	W	5 1	4.5	2067	36	
3	Tim R Mc Entee ID No. 12298150	2200	W	7 1	B	6 0	W	4 1	B	11 1	W	1 0	3	2200	0	
4	Owen Fiedorowicz ID No. 14703894	1933	B	12 0.5	W	8 1	B	3 0	W	6 1	B	7 0.5	3	1944	11	
5	Gauri Menon ID No. 15187152	1920	W	14 1	B	10 1	W	1 0	B	9 1	B	2 0	3	1934	14	
6	Anjaneya Rao ID No. 16442373	1892	B	17 1	W	3 1	W	2 0	B	4 0	W	11 1	3	1911	19	
7	Abhyudaya Shukla ID No. 15689891	1797	B	3 0	W	12 0.5	B	13 1	W	15 1	W	4 0.5	3	1817	20	
8	Cub Rollin-Lloyd Noble ID No. 14292473	1979	W	10 0	B	4 0	W	16 1	B	12 1	W	9 0.5	2.5	1950	-29	
9	Troy Curfman ID No. 16174251	1884	W	19 1	B	2 0	W	10 1	W	5 0	B	8 0.5	2.5	1878	-6	
10	Pedro Gudino ID No. 16232998	1719	B	8 1	W	5 0	B	9 0	W	17 1	B	13 0.5	2.5	1734	15	
11	Luis M Peralta ID No. 12664855	1859	B	16 1	B	1 0	W	14 1	W	3 0	B	6 0	2	1854	-5	
12	Elton Huang ID No. 16074666	1764	W	4 0.5	B	7 0.5	R	 0.5	W	8 0	B	15 0.5	2	1758	-6	
13	Mark Flowers ID No. 12537820	1735	W	2 0	B	16 0.5	W	7 0	B	14 1	W	10 0.5	2	1726	-9	
14	Martin T Miller ID No. 10307899	1713	B	5 0	W	17 1	B	11 0	W	13 0	B	16 1	2	1697	-16	
15	Richard Rector ID No. 12522598	1575	W	1 0	B	19 1	R	 0.5	B	7 0	W	12 0.5	2	1589	14	
16	Aradh Kaur ID No. 15085398	1550	W	11 0	W	13 0.5	B	8 0	B	18 1	W	14 0	1.5	1547	-3	
17	David Nowinski ID No. 17115448	1683P3	W	6 0	B	14 0	W	19 1	B	10 0	W	18 0	1	1497P8	-186	
18	Tony Joe Britton ID No. 12739474	1278	U	 0	U	 0	U	 0	W	16 0	B	17 1	1	1308	30	
19	Lennon Barry West ID No. 16742382	1499	B	9 0	W	15 0	B	17 0	U	 0	U	 0	0	1459	-40	

TD = Eric Golf Vigil

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No.	PLAYERS FULL NAME -- AS SHOWN ON MEMBERSHIIP CARD --	Round 1		Round 2		Round 3		Round 4		SCORE
		COLOR	OPP.	COLOR	OPP.	COLOR	OPP.	COLOR	OPP.	
1	Hector Sanchez-Melendez ID No. ---	W	2	B	5	W	4	B	7	4
		1		1		1		1		
2	David Nauyalis ID No. ---	B	1	W	6	B	3	W	8	3
		0		1		1		1		
3	Dale Hidden ID No. ---	W	5	B	7	W	2	B	4	3
		1		1		0		1		
4	Derek Randolph ID No. ---	B		W	8	B	1	W	3	2
		1		1		0		0		
5	Carter Goodwin ID No. ---	B	3	W	1	B	8	B		2
		0		0		1		1		
6	JoAnn VanArnam ID No. ---	W	7	B	2	B		W	9	2
		0		0		1		1		
7	Zachary Bitner ID No. ---	B	6	W	3	B	9	W	1	2
		1		0		1		0		
8	Mariela Trevino ID No. ---	W	9	B	4	W	5	B	2	1
		1		0		0		0		
9	Gloria Peralta ID No. ---	B	8	B		W	7	B	6	1
		0		1		0		0		

October 2019 (2019 QUAD CITIES U1400)

No.	PLAYERS FULL NAME -- AS SHOWN ON MEMBERSHIP CARD --	RATING	Round 1 COLOR	Round 1 OPP.	Round 2 COLOR	Round 2 OPP.	Round 3 COLOR	Round 3 OPP.	Round 4 COLOR	Round 4 OPP.	SCORE	NEW RATING	RATING ADJ	NORMS EARNED
1	Fidel Vallejo ID No. 14008723	1151	B 1	17	W 1	7	W 1	8	B 1	3	4	1318	167	
2	Jess Fiedorowicz ID No. 14948631	1321	W 1	11	B 0	9	B 1	6	W 1	7	3	1317	-4	
3	Michael Eikmeier ID No. 12839985	1257	B 1	18	W 1	4	B 1	9	W 0	1	3	1263	6	
4	Amogh Jithendra ID No. 15891922	1133	W 1	13	B 0	3	W 1	12	B 1	8	3	1168	35	
5	Christian Anthony Dawson ID No. 16745417	1199	W 1	12	B 0	8	W 0.5	13	W 1	9	2.5	1175	-24	
6	Michael Zackary Montgomery ID No. 17138504	UNR	R 0.5		B 1	15	W 0	2	B 1	13	2.5	1136P3	1136	
7	James Beiderbecke ID No. 16864092	1360	W 1	15	B 0	1	W 1	11	B 0	2	2	1316	-44	
8	Jacob T Vigil ID No. 14759374	1339	B 1	10	W 1	5	B 0	1	W 0	4	2	1299	-40	
9	Thomas Daufeldt ID No. 12695032	873	W 1	16	W 1	2	W 0	3	B 0	5	2	921	48	
10	Bhargava Malya ID No. 16520591	634	W 0	8	B 0	12	W 1	18	B 1	17	2	612	-22	
11	Michael James Monfiles ID No. 17102374	605P4	B 0	2	W 1	17	B 0	7	W 1	16	2	609P8	4	
12	Venkata Anirudh Kuppili ID No. 17094215	357P4	B 0	5	W 1	10	B 0	4	W 1	15	2	599P8	242	
13	Adam Thiele ID No. 17138490	UNR	B 0	4	W 1	18	B 0.5	5	W 0	6	1.5	914P4	914	
14	Tony Joe Britton ID No. 12739474	1308	U 0		U 0		U 0		W 1	18	1	1308	0	
15	Ethan M McGlothlen ID No. 16976223	852P8	B 0	7	W 0	6	W 1	16	B 0	12	1	782P12	-70	
16	Kyle Jensen ID No. 17168332	UNR	B 0	9	B 1		B 0	15	B 0	11	1	249P3	249	
17	Deepak Bardi ID No. 17157552	226P5	W 0	1	B 0	11	B 1		W 0	10	1	223P8	-3	
18	Dr Thomas Ebalo ID No. 16628491	466P25	W 0	3	B 0	13	B 0	10	W 0	14	0	205P29	-261	

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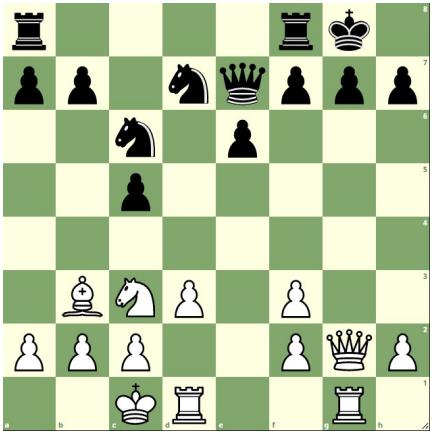
1	Jacob T Vigil ID No. 14759374	1299 1260					W 1	3			1	1299 1262	0 2	
2	Hector Sanchez-Melendez ID No. 17120998	1099P2 UNR					B 1	4			1	1099P3 917P1	0 917	
3	Kyle Jensen ID No. 17168332	249P3 UNR					B 0	1			0	249P4 638P1	0 638	
4	Deepak Bardi ID No. 17157552	223P8 220P5					W 0	2			0	223P9 220P6	0 0	

Puzzles

"Chess is 99% Tactics"

Below are 10 problems. How you should approach these problems are similar to games. Evaluate the position, then make your candidates moves. When you are satisfied with your answer, write down your answers. When you are done, compare it to the solutions at the back of this issue.

Problems 1-3 are "Easy".
Problems 4-6 are "Medium".
Problems 7-9 are Hard".
Problem 10 is "Very Hard".



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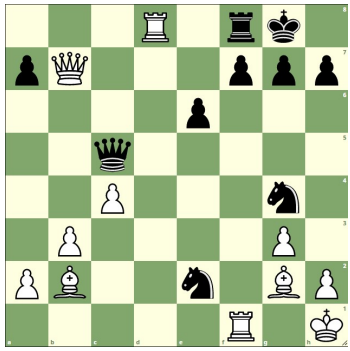

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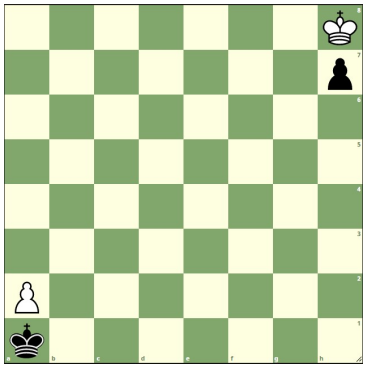

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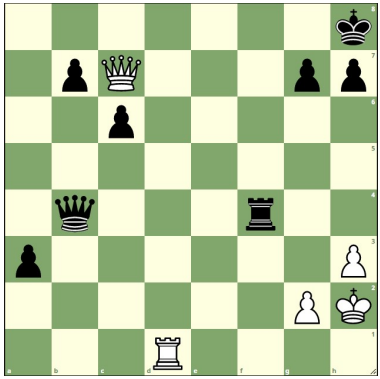

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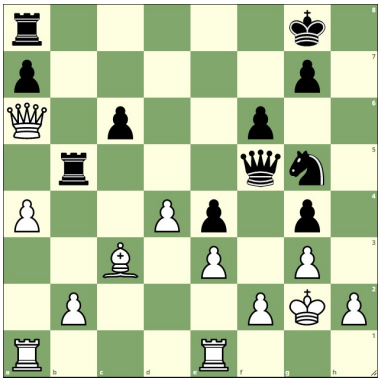

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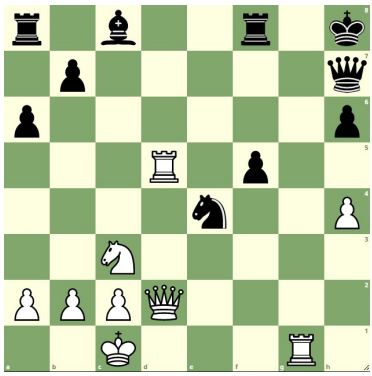

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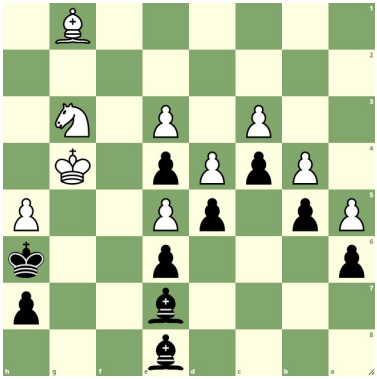

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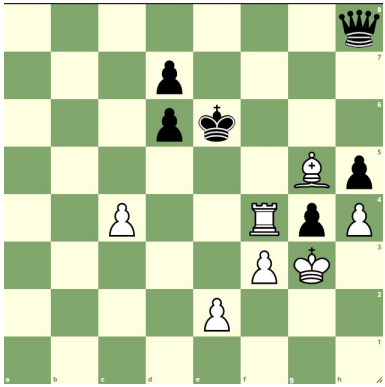

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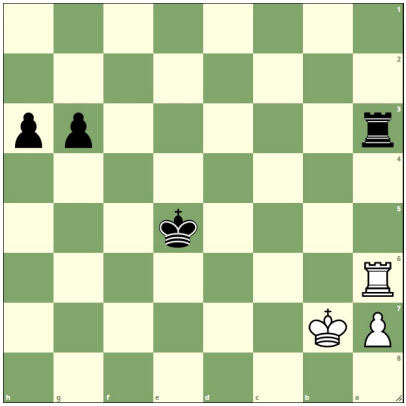

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10. White to Move

Des Moines Fall Classic—Open Section Cross Table

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1 IA	ALEX RICHTER 14481855 / R: 2317 ->2329	5.0 N:C	W 20 W	W 9 B	W 3 W	W 2 B	W 11 W
2 IA	VALERIY KOSOKIN 15212732 / R: 2197 ->2203	4.0 N:C	W 27 B	W 10 W	W 5 B	L 1 W	W 7 B
3 NE	GREGORY REVESZ 14267134 / R: 2016 ->2042	4.0 N:1	W 25 B	W 15 W	L 1 B	W 9 W	W 8 B
4 IA	TIM R MC ENTEE 12298150 / R: 2200 ->2200	3.5 N:1	D 8 W	L 12 B	W 27 B	W 20 W	W 13 W
5 IA	OWEN FIEDOROWICZ 14703894 / R: 1932 ->1952	3.5 N:1	W 14 B	W 17 W	L 2 W	W 16 B	H
6 KS	EDDISON CHEN 15730900 / R: 2080 ->2057	3.0 N:2	L 16 W	W 18 B	L 8 W	W 26 B	W 17 W
7 WI	WILLIAM M SCHWEITZER 14889407 / R: 1949 ->1957	3.0 N:1	W 28 W	D 16 B	W 11 W	D 8 B	L 2 W
8 FL	TROY CURFMAN 16174251 / R: 1925 ->1945	3.0 N:1	D 4 B	W 23 W	W 6 B	D 7 W	L 3 W
9 IA	ZVONKO JURIC 12658425 / R: 1922 ->1928	3.0 N:2	W 26 W	L 1 W	W 23 B	L 3 B	W 16 W
10 IA	JASMIN ZULIC 12626843 / R: 1908 ->1925	3.0 N:1	W 22 W	L 2 B	L 12 W	W 21 B	W 18 W
11 IA	GEORGE S EICHHORN 10308470 / R: 1903 ->1922	3.0 N:1	W 19 B	W 13 W	L 7 B	W 15 W	L 1 B
12 IA	ARSHAQ SALEEM 14163196 / R: 2272 ->2266	2.5 	L 15 B	W 4 W	W 10 B	H 	U
13 IA	DANIEL VASTO 10341981 / R: 2024 ->2009	2.5 N:2	W 18 W	L 11 B	W 22 W	H 	L 4 B
14 MN	TY KROELLS 16303978 / R: 1683 ->1699	2.5 N:2	L 5 W	D 21 B	D 26 W	W 25 B	D 22 W
15 IA	ANJANEYA RAO 16442373 / R: 1871 ->1893	2.0 N:1	W 12 W	L 3 B	W 24 W	L 11 B	U
16 IA	UDDHAV AJA KANBUR 16913217 / R: 1851P9 ->1860P13	2.0 N:2	W 6 B	D 7 W	H 	L 5 W	L 9 B
17 IA	JIM S FREERKSEN 12884223 / R: 1808 ->1808	2.0 N:2	W 24 W	L 5 B	L 21 W	W 22 B	L 6 B
18 IA	EDIN DIVANOVIC 12834386 / R: 1797 ->1785	2.0 N:3	L 13 B	L 6 W	W 19 B	W 23 W	L 10 B
19 IA	STEPHEN W LAPINSKY 12623900 / R: 1481 ->1546	2.0 N:3	L 11 W	L 20 B	L 18 W	W 28 B	W 25 W
20 MO	KENNETH E FEE JR 12480902 / R: 1915 ->1911	1.5 	L 1 B	W 19 W	H 	L 4 B	U

21	STEVEN JOSEPH CUSUMANO	1.5	L	23	D	14	W	17	L	10	U				
NE	15197583 / R: 1902 ->1867	N:4	B		W		B		W						
22	SERGEY POPOV	1.5	L	10	W	25	L	13	L	17	D	14			
IA	16026648 / R: 1596 ->1610	N:3	B		W		B		W		B				
23	MARTIN C CHANG	1.5	W	21	L	8	L	9	L	18	H				
VT	12499908 / R: 1343P8 ->1437P12		W		B		W		B						
24	CUB ROLLIN-LLOYD NOBLE	1.0	L	17	W	28	L	15	U		U				
IA	14292473 / R: 1950 ->1921		B		W		B								
25	ROGER K ALEXANDER	1.0	L	3	L	22	W	28	L	14	L	19			
IA	15965264 / R: 1800 ->1800		W		B		B		W		B				
26	JONATHAN JAMES REIGENBORN	1.0	L	9	D	27	D	14	L	6	U				
NE	14893598 / R: 1654 ->1656		B		W		B		W						
27	JOHN LINSCOTT	0.5	L	2	D	26	L	4	U		U				
NE	12593670 / R: 1862 ->1847		W		B		W								
28	MICHAEL VOLZ	0.0	L	7	L	24	L	25	L	19	U				
IA	12780016 / R: 1748 ->1692		B		B		W		W						

Des Moines Fall Classic— Reserve Section Cross Table

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1		Round 2		Round 3		Round 4	
1	JEFFERY A SOLHEIM	3.5	W	7	W	10	W	3	D	2
NE	13283751 / R: 1548 ->1583	N:3	W		B		W		B	
2	ANIRUDH ANABHRA SONI	3.5	W	4	W	8	W	10	D	1
IA	16638550 / R: 1538 ->1570	N:3	W		B		W		W	
3	NAVNEET PUTHUKODE RAMKUMAR	3.0	W	11	W	6	L	1	W	7
CO	16139533 / R: 1388 ->1437	N:4	B		W		B		W	
4	MICHAEL EIKMEIER	3.0	L	2	W	14	W	9	W	6
IA	12839985 / R: 1263 ->1370	N:4	B		W		B		W	
5	ARNOLD SCHULZE	2.5	L	9	D	12	W	14	W	11
NE	12301390 / R: 1423 ->1399		B		W		B		W	
6	STEVE JACOBS	2.0	W	13	L	3	W	8	L	4
IA	12597405 / R: 1425 ->1400		W		B		W		B	
7	MICHAEL E HOLDEN	2.0	L	1	W	9	W	11	L	3
IA	14982382 / R: 1306P17->1318P21		B		W		B		B	
8	AMOGH JITHENDRA	2.0	W	14	L	2	L	6	W	10
IA	15891922 / R: 1169 ->1247	N:4	B		W		B		B	
9	REX H GRAY	2.0	W	5	L	7	L	4	W	13
IA	12932129 / R: 1209 ->1221		W		B		W		B	
10	DON BRITTON GROVE	1.0	W	12	L	1	L	2	L	8
IA	12528289 / R: 1418 ->1370		B		W		B		W	
11	BRIEN BEHLING	1.0	L	3	W	13	L	7	L	5
IA	13043681 / R: 1264P17->1223P21		W		B		W		B	
12	JULIEN NOSSULI	1.0	L	10	D	5	L	13	D	14
IA	16467001 / R: 1083 ->1068		W		B		W		B	
13	ATHARV NEEMA	1.0	L	6	L	11	W	12	L	9
IA	15771497 / R: 807 -> 847		B		W		B		W	
14	JEROME W TICHACEK	0.5	L	8	L	4	L	5	D	12
NE	12014840 / R: 1400 ->1400		W		B		W		W	

Richter Rolls in 11th Annual Des Moines Fall Classic

By Bill, NTD, IA

Open Section

Alex Richter went 5-0 to win the 11th Annual Des Moines Fall Classic, held at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa on November 16th and 17th 2019. Twenty-eight players competed in this FIDE-rated event including players from 8 states: Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Florida, and Vermont. Notable young talent such as Eddison Chen from Kansas and Anjaneya Rao from Iowa competed. Valeriy Kosokin and Gregory Revesz tied for 2nd place with 4 points each. Richter defeated Revesz in round 3 and Kosokin in round four.

There were several players who had nice gains in rating points including Stephen Lapinsky's astonishing gain of sixty-five points! Other players with nice gains in rating points were: Revesz 26; Rao 22; Owen Fiedorowicz 20; Troy Curfman 20; and George Eichhorn 19. The median rating for this section was 1912. These calculations didn't include 2 players who had provisional ratings. Congratulations to all who competed.

Reserve Section

Solheim and Soni share 1st in the Reserve Section

Jeffery Solheim and Anirudh Soni both finished with 3.5 points out of a possible 4 points to capture the Reserve Section. This section attracted 14 players. This tournament will not be forgotten soon for many players who had outstanding performances to gain several rating points! I had to calculate some of these gains twice because I couldn't believe what I was seeing. Michael Eikmeier gained 107 points, Amogh Jithendra 78 points, Navneet Ramkumar 49, Atharv Neema 40, Solheim 35 and Soni 33. Congratulations to all who competed.

I want to thank everyone who participated in this event. This year's turnout was one of the best I've every had. Again, thank you all for competing.

Jeffery Solheim (1548)—Michael Holden (1306) Des Moines Fall Classic (1) 11.16.2019

1. d4 f5 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nf3 e6 4. g3 Bb4+ 5. Nbd2 O-O 6. Bg2 d6 7. O-O Nc6 8. a3 Bxd2 9. Bxd2 e5 10. d5 Ne7 11. Bg5 Ne4 12. e3 h6 13. Bxe7 Qxe7 14. Qc2 Bd7 15. b4 c6 16. Nh4 Qg5 17. Bxe4 fxe4 18. Qxe4 Rf6 19. f4 exf4 20. exf4 Qg4 21. Qf3 Re8 22. Rae1 Rxe1 23. Rxe1 Rxf4 1-0

14. Qe2 Bxb5 15. axb5 Nc7 16. O-O Nd7 17. Rxa8 Rxa8 18. Nd1 Nb6 19. b3 Nxc4 20. bxc4 Ra4 21. Bd2 Qxc4 22. Qxc4 Rxc4 23. Ne3 Ra4 24. b6 Na6 25. b7 Nb8 26. Rb1 Bd4 27. Kf1 Kf8 28. Rb6 Ra6 29. Rxa6 Nxa6 30. Nc4 Ke8 31. Ba5 Kd7 32. Ke2 e6 33. Kd3 Bf6 34. Kc2 Nb8 35. Kb3 Be7 36. Ka4 Bf6 37. Kb5 Be7 38. Kb6 Bf8 39. Ka7 1-0

Zvonko Juric (1922) - Uddhav Kanbur (1851) Des Moines Fall Classic (5) 11.17.2019

1.e4 d5 2. exd5 Qxd5 3. d4 c6 4. Nc3 Qd6 5. g3 Nf6 6. Bg2 Bg4 7. f3 Bf5 8. Nge2 e6 9. Ne4 Nxe4 10. fxe4 Bg4 11. c3 Qc7 12. Qd3 Bxe2 13. Qxe2 Be7 14. O-O O-O 15. e5 Nd7 16. Qh5 g6 17. Qg4 Rfe8 18. Qf3 f5 19. exf6 Bxf6 20. Bh6 Qd8 21. Rae1 Qe7 22. Bh3 e5 23. Bxd7 1-0

Uddhav Kanbur (1851) - Owen Fiedorowicz (1932) Des Moines Fall Classic (4) 11.17.2019

1. Nf3 d5 2. c4 e6 3. b3 c5 4. cxd5 exd5 5. d4 Nc6 6. Bb2 Nf6 7. g3 cxd4 8. Nxd4 Bb4+ 9. Nd2 Ne4 10. Nf3 Bg4 11. a3 Bxf3 12. exf3 Bxd2+ 13. Ke2 Nc3+ 14. Bxc3 Bxc3 15. Rc1 Bf6 16. Bh3 O-O 17. Kf1 Qd6 18. Kg2 d4 19. b4 d3 20. Qd2 Rfe8 21. Rcd1 Ne5 22. Bf5 g6 23. Be4 Qb6 24. Bxd3 Rad8 25. Qe2 Nxd3 26. Rxd3 Rxd3 27. Qxd3 Rc8 28. Re1 Rc3 29. Qe4 Qc6 30. Qf4 Rxa3 31. Re4 Ra2 32. Qb8+ Kg7 33. Re8 h5 34. Rh8 Be7 35. Qe5+ Qf6 36. Qb8 Qd4 37. Rg8+ Kh7 38. Kh3 Rxf2 39. Qe8 Rxf3 40. Qxe7 Kxg8 41. Qxb7 Rf2 42. Qc8+ Kg7 43. b5 Qg4+ 44. Qxg4 hxg4+ 45. Kxg4 Rxh2 46. Kg5 Rb2 47. b6 Rxb6 48. g4 a5 49. Kf4 a4 50. Kg5 a3 51. Kf4 a2 52. Kg5 a1=Q 53. Kh4 g5+ 54. Kh3 Rh6+ 0-1

Steve Cusumano (1902)-Jasmin Julic (1908) Des Moines Fall Classic (4) 11.17.2019

1.e4 e6 2. d4 c5 3. Nf3 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nc6 5. Nb5 d6 6. c4 a6 7. N5c3 Be7 8. Be2 Nf6 9. O-O O-O 10. Na3 b6 11. Nc2 Qc7 12. Be3 Rb8 13. Qd2 Rd8 14. b3 Bb7 15. a4 Na5 16. Rab1 Nxe4 17. Nxe4 Bxe4 18. Bd3 Bxd3 19. Qxd3 d5 0-1

George Eichorn (1903) - Anjaneya Rao (1871) Des Moines Fall Classic (4) 11.17.2019

1. Nc3 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. g3 d5 4. d4 e6 5. Bg2 Bd6 6. dxc5 Bxc5 7. O-O Nge7 8. Na4 Bd6 9. e4 O-O 10. Nc3 Bc7 11. Bg5 f6 12. Be3 b6 13. exd5 exd5 14. Nd4 Bb7 15. Ne6 Qd6 16. Nxf8 d4 17. Nb5 1-0

Alex Richter (2317) - Gregory Revesz (2042) Des Moines Fall Classic (3) 11.16.2019

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Nf3 e6 5. Be2 c5 6. O-O Nc6 7. c3 f6 8. Be3 cxd4 9. Bxd4 Qc7 10. Re1 fxe5 11. Nxe5 Bd6 12. Bh5+ Bg6 13. Bxg6+ hxg6 14. Qg4 O-O-O 15. Qxe6+ Kb8 16. Nf7 Bxh2+ 17. Kf1 Nxd4 18. cxd4 Nf6 19. Nxh8 Rxh8 20. g3 Ne4 21. Nc3 Bxg3 22. Nxe4 Rh1+ 23. Kg2 Rh2+ 24. Kf1 Rh1+ 25. Ke2 Qc4+ 26. Ke3 1-0

Greg Revesz (2042) - Zvonko Juric (1922) Des Moines Fall Classic (4) 11.17.2019

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. c4 e6 4. Nc3 d6 5. Nf3 Ne7 6. Be3 b6 7. Qd2 h6 8. Bd3 Nd7 9. O-O g5 10. h3 Ng6 11. e5 dxe5 12. Bxg6 fxg6 13. Qd3 Qf6 14. Nxe5 Nxe5 15. Qe4 Rb8 16. dxe5 Qxe5 17. Qxg6+ Ke7 18. Rae1 Qf6 19. Bxg5 hxg5 20. Nd5+ 1-0

Valeriy Kosokin (2197) - Alex Richter (2317) Des Moines Fall Classic (4) 11.17.2019

1. e4 e6 2. d3 c5 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. g3 g6 5. Bg2 Bg7 6. Nge2 Nge7 7. Be3 Nd4 8. Qd2 O-O 9. Nf4 d6 10. h4 e5 11. Nfd5 Nxd5 12. Nxd5 Bg4 13. Bxd4 cxd4 14. c3 dxc3 15. Nxc3 Rc8 16. Bh3 Bxh3 17. Rxh3 f5 18. h5 a6 19. hxg6 hxg6 20. Kf1 b5 21. Kg2 f4 22. f3 Qg5 23. Nd5 Rc5 24. Rc1 Rfc8 25. Rc3 a5 26. g4 Qd8 27. Rh1 Bf6 28. Rxc5 Rxc5 29. Rc1 Bg7 30. Rxc5 dxc5 31. Qc3 Qh4 32. Qxc5 Qg3+ 33. Kf1 Qxf3+ 34. Ke1 Qg3+ 35. Kd2 f3 36. Qe7 Bh6+ 37. Kc2 Qf2+ 38. Kb3 a4+ 39. Ka3 Bg7 40. g5 b4+ 41. Kxa4 Qxb2 42. Qe6+ Kh7 43. Ne7 Qa3+ 44. Kb5 Qxd3+ 45. Kb6 Qe3+ 46. Ka6 Qxg5 47.Qh3+ Bh6 48. Nd5 f2 49. Qf3 Qg1 50. Qf7+ Bg7 51. Nf6+ Kh6 52. Ng8+ Kh7 53. Nf6+ Kh6 54. Ng8+ Kg5 55. Qxg7 f1=Q+ 0-1

Alex Richter (2317) - George Eichhorn (1903) Des Moines Fall Classic (5) 11.17.2019

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. d3 d6 6. O-O Be7 7. c3 O-O 8. Re1 b5 9. Bc2 Bb7 10. Nbd2 Re8 11. Nf1 Bf8 12. Bg5 h6 13. Bh4 Nb8 14. Ne3 Nbd7 15. Nd5 Bxd5 16. exd5 Be7 17. d4 Nxd5 18. dxe5 Nxe5 19. Qxd5 Nxf3+ 20. Qxf3 Bxh4 21. g3 Bf6 22. Qf5 Rxe1+ 23. Rxe1 g6 24. Qd5 Kg7 25. Bb3 Qf8 26. Qc6 Rc8 27. a3 Kg8 28. Qd7 Rd8 29. Qxc7 Kg7 30. Bd5 Rc8 31. Qb7 Rc5 32. Qd7 Rc8 33. Kg2 Rd8 34. Qc6 Rc8 35. Qxa6 Rc5 36. Qb7 Rc8 37. Qxb5 Rb8 38. Qd7 Rd8 39. Qa7 Rc8 40. a4 Rc5 41. Qb7 Be5 42. b4 Rxc3 43. a5 Rc2 44. Rxe5 dxe5 45. a6 1-0

Ruth Haring Girls Tournament Experience

By: Anjali Lodh

In the summer of 2019, I was the girls' representative for Iowa to play in the Ruth Haring Girls tournament in Orlando, Florida. When we first left the airport in Orlando, we were all very tired from the plane ride and went straight to our hotel that was connected to the Orange County convention center. The center was humongous with so many levels and things to do there! It was also the venue for the tournament, which was convenient for us because we can walk from our hotel room to the tournament hall.

The next day was the first day of the tournament. There was only 1 round that day and it was held a few hours after the opening ceremony that evening. All of the participants in the Barber, Denker, and Haring held the flag from their state and were called up to the stage one by one. I was laughing when it came to my turn because they had pronounced my name wrong! During the ceremony, I recognized a few of the friends that I had made at the Susan Polgar chess camp, a month before the tournament. After everyone had been called up to the stage, it was time for group pictures with all of the people participating in each tournament. Then, we got the chance to get a Chess Life magazine signed by Arnold Denker and Jennifer Yu! It was so cool that we could have a signature from the U.S women's chess champion!

We all went back to our hotel rooms until it was finally time for the first round. I exchanged souvenirs with all of my opponents as recommended. I gave out little Iowa shaped pins. I faced off against Alice Lee from Minnesota In the first round, and lost. I then had a late dinner at one of the many restaurants at the convention center.

The next morning, I woke up early, ate breakfast, and was off to my second round! I played against Logan Camarda from Kansas and won. The next round was later that day and I played against Amy Lei and lost. We ate at an amazing sushi place that night located inside of the convention center! The next day I played against Tess Glombicki from Indiana and won, and finally Julia Sevilla and lost. The following day was the final day of the tournament. I played only one round against Shannon Robertson and won. Overall I played as expected, but I was a little disappointed that I did not upset any

higher rated players. I scored 3 points out of 6 rounds, and finished 24th overall out of 42 girls. We went to the closing ceremony and each girl received a medal and a special Ruth Haring chess board.

Now that the chess part was over, it was time for sightseeing! That night we went to icon park and rode on an enormous Ferris Wheel! It was super fun and it went extremely high so we could see Disney World from the top! We also went to a comedy/magic show, but when we got there, it was pretty obvious that the show was meant for younger audiences. We still enjoyed the magic and it was still pretty funny.

The next day we went to Gatorland! We got to feed alligators, fish and I even got to hold a live one! There was a gator show where they jumped out of the water to catch fish and it was so fun! We even got to see a few albino alligators that were all white.

The day after that was definitely my favorite day in Orlando. We went to Universal Studios and went on so many roller coasters. My favorite part of Universal was definitely the Harry Potter section with Diagon Alley! It was just as described in the books, and there was even a Harry Potter themed ride there that I liked a lot. Though we had to wait 45 minutes in line for it, it was totally worth it. As a little souvenir books, and there was even a Harry Potter themed ride there that I liked a lot. Though we had to wait 45 minutes in line for it, it was totally worth it. As a little souvenir from Universal, I got a Harry Potter shirt!

After that, it was time to leave Florida. But we weren't going back to Iowa anytime soon! We were going on a cruise for a week! It was so big that it even had a level entirely dedicated to shopping! There were activities 24 hours a day and we tried to do as many as we could. Some of my favorites were the escape room, the trivia contest, the ice skating show, the comedy show, and the giant waterslide on the deck. The next part of the cruise was going to Nassau in the Bahamas. We went on an island called CocoCay and we got to spend the day at the beach.

When it was finally time to go home, I was sad, but in a way very happy to finally go home. Overall, I would say that my experience was wonderful and I had one of the best times of my life. I think that the chess tournament really helped me improve in chess, thanks to the GM's that reviewed your games after each round. It also helped me grow as a person and make new lifelong friends along the way.

Spotlight Q & A: Bob Beelman

How long have you been playing chess and how did you start?

I learned the moves at age 7 when my older brother received a set as a Christmas gift. His interest soon waned however, and my chess playing was mostly limited to sitting at the board by myself, trying to figure it out. I did manage to learn some endgame basics and a few opening principles.

Finally, in my senior year of high school, I met other students who knew the moves and liked to play. We didn't know about the USCF, ratings, or much else, but we had fun. We even had a new Top Ten poll come out every Monday!

It was after graduation in 1971 that I met expert Bill Haines and veteran Harvey Krebill by chance. This is when I began to really learn, and joined the USCF at the end of the year.

What draws you to chess?

For me that's hard to define. I'll just say that there's a certain magic in the geometry of the board and the way the pieces interact.

What was the first OTB tournament you played in and how did you do?

That would be the Iowa State Championship, held in Cedar Rapids in April, 1972. It was a one section open swiss at the time. I won two and lost three, playing four players rated around 1600 and one rated about around 1600 and one rated about 1300. My first rating was 1435.

Do you play chess on the Internet?

I do play some. Mostly, I do tactics training on chess.com and chesstempo.com. I spend too much time on Puzzle Rush.

What has been your greatest success in chess?

That's a toss-up between tying for first at the 1992 Ames Chess Festival and teaching chess to Learning Disabled pre-teens back in 1983.

What do you think of Chess on the Internet?

It's a godsend. Information and competition is now available no matter where you live.

What type of chess library do you have?

I have about 50 books ranging from opening and endgame books, a few on tactics, and game collections.

Do you have a favorite chess book?

A Chess Primer by Capablanca was the first book I found useful. I still go through Tal's Winning Chess Combinations from time to time.

What other hobbies do you have?

Well, my days of playing sports are over, so now I merely follow them, especially the Iowa Hawkeyes. I enjoy various genres of music and reading the works of early Christian writers.

Tell us some about your family.

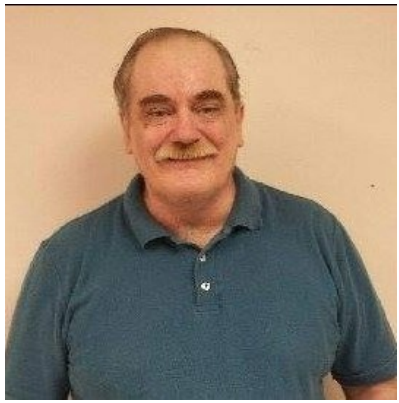
I'm single and have three brothers.

What is your favorite quotation?

The Bread of Life discourse in John chapter 6.

What is your favorite food?

Back in the 90's, Class B players were my favorite food. Now, I'm the food.



Any advice you would want to give to new players of the game?

Well, pretty much the standard stuff about learning endgames, basic checkmates, and opening principles, and tactics, tactics, tactics. Learn the fun stuff, such as Philidor's mate, the windmill, the staircase, and building a bridge. Learn from your mistakes, but enjoy your good moves and your wins. Chess doesn't have to be drudgery. Variety is good too. Play opponents who are at a variety of strengths and styles at a variety of time controls.

Anything else you want to add?

More players should learn to direct. It's good to know the rules, and have multiple directors available at the club and state level.

At Home with GM Wesley So and Family

By: Bill Broich, NTD, IA

Call

On Wednesday evening, October second, my phone rang at approximately 11:30 pm. If you know me very well, you do not call me after 8 pm. I get up at 5 am. I did not answer the phone. A couple minutes later it rang again. By this time, I was a little more awake and since my mom recently moved to an assisted living center, I thought I should find out what the call was about. When I saw it was Jim Hodina calling, the first thing that popped into my head was that something bad has happened to someone in Iowa's chess community. The last time, Jim broke the news to me about Steve Young's death.

Surprise!

Jim graciously apologized for calling me so late, but he knew I would be interested in what he had to say. Glenn Panner, NTD, IA had just called him, and Glenn was looking for an arbiter to be in Minneapolis by 9 am Friday morning to observe Wesley So play on-line chess matches. I was wide awake now. My answer was yes, I will be there. Wesley was competing in the quarter finals first official Fischer Random World Chess Championship. Glenn called me shortly after my call with Jim ended. Glenn and I discussed the expectations of the arbiter and he gave me more information about the tournament. Nick Barton from Chess.com called Thursday morning and specific details were given to me including hotel arrangements.

Event

The quarter finals of the Fischer Random World Chess Championship were held Friday October 4th to Sunday October 6th. Eight players competed in this three-day event on-line event to determine three players to compete be in the Fischer Random World Chess Championship semi-finals and finals held in Norway from October 27th to November 2nd. Magnus Carlson was given the fourth spot as he is the current World Chess champion of standard chess. As many readers know, Wesley So became the first official Fischer Random World Chess Champion.

Competitors

The following GMs competed in this event. Wesley So, Pete Svidler, Vladimir Fedoseev, Alirez Firouzal, Fabiano Caruana, Hikaru Nakamura, Vidit Gurathi, and Ian Nepomniachtchi. Please keep in mind each of these players were at a separate site.

Rules for the Quarter Finals

Day One, mini matches with all eight players consisting of:

- Two Slow Rapid games, 45 minutes for 40 first moves, 15 minutes for rest of game.
- Games count three points for a win (draws = 1.5 points).
- No increment.
- Two Fast Rapid games, 15 minutes plus 2 seconds increment. These games count two points for a win (draws = 1 point).
- Two Blitz Games, 3 minutes plus 2 seconds increment. These games count one point for a win, 0.5 for a draw.
- Tiebreaker: Armageddon – 5/4 minutes, no increment, black advances if game drawn.
- This format was the same in rounds two and three.

The four players who lost played for the two last seats on Day 2. The four winners go directly to Day 3.
Day Three, mini matches with six players competing. The three winners advance to the Semifinals to join GM Magnus Carlson.

Day One

Wesley lives with his parents, Lotis Key and Renato Kabigting in a beautiful home in nice quiet suburb in the Minneapolis area. Lotis commented they had just bought the house and had been traveling a lot, so they were just getting settled in. I had spoken to her a couple times by phone and they were expecting me to arrive around 8:30 am. When I arrived Lotis was at the front door to greet me. She introduced her husband Renato shortly after I entered. Wesley strolled in from the kitchen and introduced himself. If I remember correctly, he was eating a scone and wearing sweatpants, just like any other 25-year-old.

FGM Wesley So, home at work

We proceeded to move a table and chair for me into to Wesley's office, which is directly to the left when enter the front door. This is where I spent several hours over three days observing Wesley play his matches. When he was not playing, he spent most of his in the basement where there is a family room and his bedroom. I never saw him play any chess or do any analysis on his computer in his office. He usually arrived about 15 minutes before the matched started as instructed by the organizers. He played video games right up to the start of the match. Again, just like any other 25-year-old.

Wesley and Hikaru drew their first two games. Abby, Wesley's half sister joined the rest of us for lunch. None of the family members followed the games online that I know of. They spent a lot of time outdoors working on the lawn. Wesley was all smiles when he won and showed no emotion when he drew or lost.

Day one results

GM Svidler	5	GM Caruana	7
GM So	3	GM Nakamura	9
Gm Fedoseev	8	GM Gurathi	4
GM Firouzal	6	GM Nepo	7

Wesley suffered the worse beating of the day while Nepo escaped in Armageddon. Day one was a brutal beat-down and Wesley was demoralized. I left shortly after the match ended while Wesley retreated to the basement. The other family members said nothing. GMs Cauana, Nakamura, Fedoseev and Nepomniachtchi moved on the finals, held on Sunday. Wesley had to play on Saturday, and he had to win to keep playing.

Day two results

GM Gurathi	4.5	GM Firouzal	7.5
GM So	6.5	GM Svidler	5.5

It was cold and rainy Saturday morning. I wore my black suit with no tie as I did Friday. But on this morning, I wore a bright yellow button-down shirt. I arrived and announced I was bringing sunshine to brighten their day. The comment fell flat. I followed up by telling Wesley "Today you Fight for God and Country. Like a Mexican Boxer!" I sensed they thought I was goofy.

The veteran GM Pete Svidler did not go down easily. Wesley was visibly relieved and happy when this match ended. Throughout the day he got up several times and paced the room. When I have observed Wesley, he is either happy and smiling or he shows no emotion. He was stressed on day two. He was soundly defeated in round one but did not show emotion like he did on day two. After two days his record was 9.5 points plus and 14.5 points minus (draws not counted individually). However, he moved on to the finals on Sunday.

Day three results

Gm Fedoseev	5	GM So	7
GM Nakamura	1.5	GM Caruana	6.5
GM Nepo	6.5	GM Firouzal	3.5

GMs So, Caruana, and Nepomniachtchi punched their ticket to the semi-finals. Wesley's final score for three days was 16.5 points plus and 19.5 points minus. The rest is history. He went on to become the first Fischer Random Chess World Champion. We all went out for dinner! This was a great experience. I want to thank Glenn Panner, Jim Hodina and Wesley So and family.

PNWCC FIDE Open—WoW, Xiong!

By: Bill Broich and GM Yaroslav Zherebukh

Dec 26th – 30th, 2019

The Pacific Northwest Chess Center (PNWCC) hosted their second 9-round Swiss tournament of 2019 offering GM and IM norm opportunities. The PNWCC FIDE Open WOW was held at the PNWCC in Kirkland, Washington from December 26th to December 30th. Twenty-six players competed in this five-day event with an average FIDE rating of 2400. Two GM norms and one IM norm were achieved. Players from eight different federations were among the field of twenty-six that included nine GMs, seven IMs, four FMs, a WIM and a WGM. Special guest Super GM Jeffery Xiong competed!

The Club

The club is in Kirkland, Washington, which is a suburb northeast of Seattle. A Marriott Courtyard Hotel is within five minutes walking distance on quiet street. Several choices for dining are within walking distance as well as a grocery store. The two airports are within a half hour drive from the chess club, Paine Field Airport located in Everett, Washington, and the Seattle Tacoma International Airport. If you stay at the Marriott, your life is very easy so you can concentrate on chess! Everything you need is within 10 minutes walking distance.

The club can accommodate up to 50 players and includes a skittles room. Quality boards and sets as well as DGT North American clocks are provided for all tournaments. In addition, DGT Boards are available for broadcasting games. The club has been operating only months and twenty-four GMs have competed in tournaments at the club. According to the club founder, manager, and board President, Xuhao He, only 1 GM played in classical tournament in greater Seattle area in the previous five years! Some titled players even got full time job in Microsoft after playing in PNWCC!

Pery Yip, Orginizer Xuhao He, and Wayne Xiong. Photo by Bill Broich, NTD, IA

Future Events with Norm Opportunities

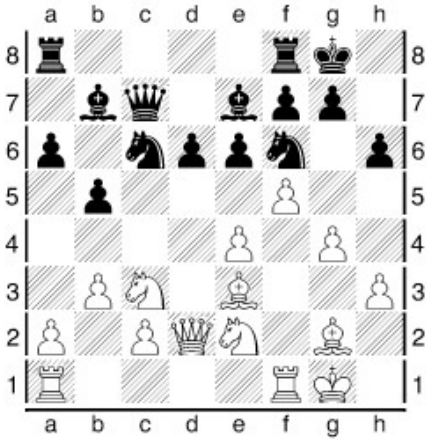
Three more Swiss norm tournaments are planned for 2020 in addition to a 10-player round robin event offering norm opportunities. The PNWCC FIDE Open-Glacier Peak is scheduled for May 21-25, 2020 with rating requirements of FIDE 2300 and some very limited play up seats. GMs Lazaro Bruzon Batista (2640 FIDE) of Cuba, Jianchao (2623 FIDE) of China, and Yuniesky Quesada Perez (2601 FIDE) of the United States of America have committed to playing in this tournament. The PNWCC Summer Norm Invitational, a 10-player round robin event offering GM and IM norms is scheduled for June 17-21. The PNWCC FIDE Open-Summer of Seattle-SOS is scheduled for July 15-19 and the PNWCC FIDE Open -Artists Point is scheduled for September 3-7. Visit PNWCC's website for most up-to-date information - https://www.pnwchesscenter.org/

Tournament Results

GM Yaroslav Zherebukh won this event with 6.5 points. After a slow start, Zherebukh clawed his way back into the fight and made it to board one to face GM Jeffery Xiong in the 7th round. Playing with the black pieces against the super GM, Zherebukh pulled off the upset and finished with 6.5 points. Four players tied for second place finishing with 6 points each, GM Xiong, GM Olexandr Bortnyk, IM Mykola Bortnyk, and IM Zhaozhi Li. GM norms were earned by IMs Bortnyk and Li. FM Jack Qijie Zhu earned an IM norm.

Percy Yip and Wayne Xiong pose for a picture. FM Carissa Yip faced off against GM Jeffery Xiong in round one. Photo by Xuhao.

Xiong,Jeffery (2712) - Zherebukh,Yaro (2615) [B80]
29.12.2019



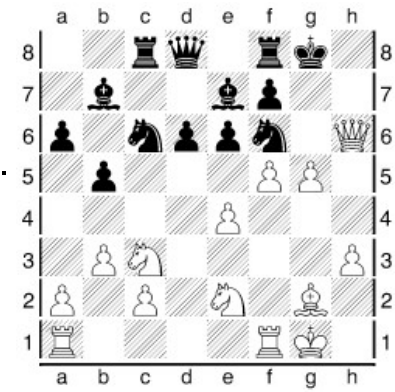
[Last time I played Jeffery, I lost with Black in a Petroff Defense, so this time I opted for a much sharper weapon-Najdorf variation in the Sicilian Defense. After a very slow start-only 0.5 points in the first two games, I was determined to win as many games no matter what.]

18...Rac8?! [Inaccurate move, which allows White to come up with a significant counterplay.] [Black would have a much better position after simple 18...Ne5 and now the same sacrifice doesn't work: 19.Bxh6 gxh6 20.Qxh6 Nh7 21.f6 Nxf6 22.Rxf6 Bxf6 23.Qxf6 Qd8!]

19.Bxh6! gxh6 20.Qxh6 Qd8!! [After 25 minutes of deep thinking, I have finally come up with an excellent idea, allowing me to fight for more than a draw. The point is to give up an extra material, stop White's attack, and gain the initiative.]

21.fxe6

[21.g5



21...Ng4!! The idea behind 20...♕d8. 22.hxg4 Bxg5 23.Qh5 Be3+ 24.Kh1 Qg5 Despite being a pawn down, Black is cruising through the game because of the dark-square domination and much more active pieces.]

21...fxe6 22.g5 Ne5 23.g6? [Now, I win after a series of precise moves.]

[Jeffery should have resorted to a passive defense after 23.gxf6 Bxf6 24.Qe3 Qe7]

23...Qd7 24.Nf4 [24.g7 Rfe8 25.Qh8+ Kf7 26.Qh7 Rg8–+]

24...Bd8 25.g7 [25.Nxe6 Bb6+ 26.Kh1 Qxe6 27.Rxf6 Qe7!; 25.Nh5 Bb6+ 26.Kh1 Nxh5]

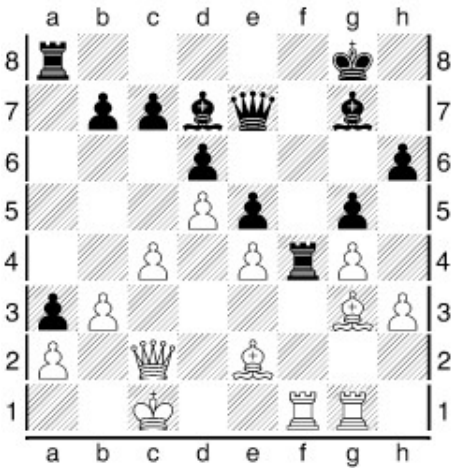
25...Qxg7 26.Qxg7+ Kxg7 27.Nxe6+ Kf7 28.Nxf8 Rxc3 29.Nh7 Ke6 [29...Kg7 30.Nxf6 Bxf6 31.Rf2 Re3 32.Rd1 Be7 33.Kf1 Bxe4 34.Bxe4 Rxe4 35.Re2]

30.Nxf6 Bxf6 [Black's position is winning primarily because of the dark-square domination and piece activity. The bishop on g2 is especially passive. White resigned in 15 moves.] **0–1**

Li,Zhaozhi (2421) - Bortnyk,Mykola (2485) [E92]
27.12.2019

[This highly dramatic and entertaining game was played between the two tournament lucky heroes who got their first GM norms!]

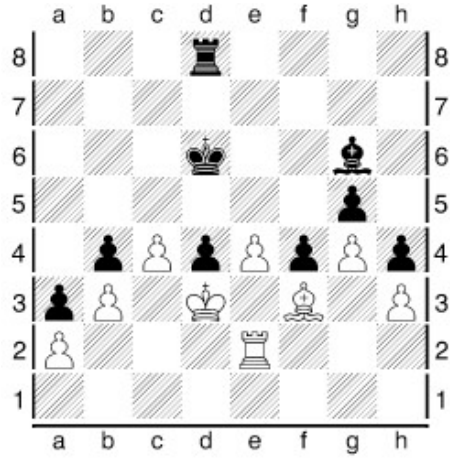
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0–0 6.Be2 e5 7.Be3 Qe8 8.d5 Ng4 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 f5 11.Nd2 a5 12.h3 Nf6 13.g4 Na6 14.Rg1 Nxe4 15.Ndxe4 fxe4 16.Nxe4 Nc5 17.f3 Nxe4 18.fxe4 Rf4 19.Qc2 a4 20.0–0–0 a3 21.b3 Bd7 22.Rdf1 g5 23.Bg3 Qe7



24.Bxf4? [White should have maintained a fortress-like position and equal chances after 24.Rf3 Raf8 25.Re3]

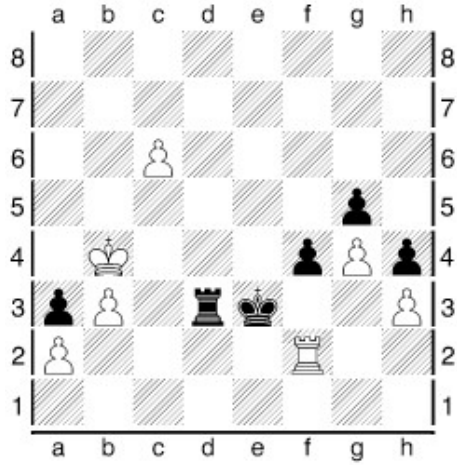
24...exf4 25.Bf3 Qe5 26.Kd2 b5 27.Rc1 Qd4+ 28.Qd3 Qf2+?! [Bortnyk misses a chance to open the b-file and finish the game rather quickly: 28...bxc4 29.bxc4 Qf2+ 30.Qe2 Qc5 31.Qd3 Rb8 32.Rb1 Rb2+ 33.Rxb2 axb2–+]

29.Qe2 Qc5 30.Rge1 b4 31.Qd3 Be5 32.Ke2 Kf7 33.Kf1 Rh8 34.Kg2 Kf6 35.Red1 Be8 36.Qe2 Bg6 37.Qf2 Re8 38.Qxc5 dxc5 39.Rc2 Bd4 40.Re2 Ke5 41.Rd3 Rh8 42.Re1 Rh7 43.Kf1 h5 44.Kg2 h4 45.Kf1 Re7 46.Ke2 c6 47.dxc6 Be8 48.Red1 Bxc6 49.Rxd4 cxd4 50.Kd3 Rc7 51.Re1 Bb7 52.Re2 Ba6 53.Re1 Rc5 54.Re2 Bc8 55.Re1 Be6 56.Re2 Rc8 57.Re1 Rd8 58.Re2 Bf7 59.Re1 Bg6 60.Re2 Kd6



61.Kxd4 [Li demonstrates a lot of ambitions and fighting spirit. An old seasoned player like me would have preferred simple rook moves on e2 and e1 squares, maintaining an impenetrable fortress.]

61...Ke6+ 62.Kc5 Rd3 63.Rf2 Ke5 64.Kxb4 Bxe4 65.Bxe4 Kxe4 66.c5 Ke3 67.c6?



[67.Rf1 was much more accurate. It looks like the game is heading to a draw after both sides keep pushing their passed pawns.]

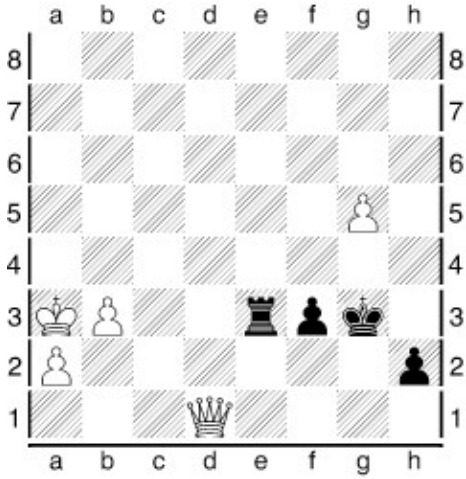
67...Kxf2!! [Wow, Bortnyk! I couldn't believe such thing is possible... Black allows White to promote the c-pawn, but White's newly crowned queen won't be able to fight effectively against the Black's f- and h-pawns!]

68.c7 Rxh3 69.c8Q Re3? [69...f3 70.Qc2+ Kg1 71.Qc1+ Kg2 72.Qc6 Rg3 was winning easily]

70.Qc5 h3 71.Qxg5 Re4+ 72.Kxa3 h2 73.Qc5+ Re3 74.Qc1 Kg2 75.Qc2+ Kg3 76.Qd1 f3 77.g5

77...Re6?? [Squanders all the previous efforts and the brilliant tactics on 67th move.]

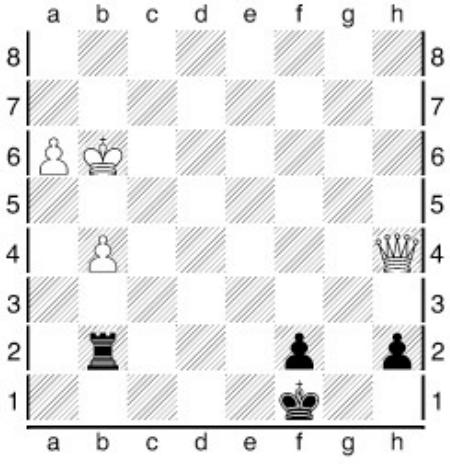
[77...Kg2 78.Qc1 f2 79.Qxe3 h1Q 80.Qe4+ Kg1 81.Qd4 Qg2 82.Ka4 Qxg5 83.b4 Qf5–+]



78.Qf1 Rg6 79.Kb4 Rxg5 80.a4 Rh5 81.Qh1 f2 82.a5 Rh6 83.Kc5 Re6 84.Qf1 Re5+ 85.Kb6 Re1 86.Qd3+ Kg2 87.Qg6+ Kf1 88.Qh5 Re6+ 89.Kb7 Ke1 90.Qh4 Re3 91.b4 Kd1 92.Qh5+ Re2 93.Qh3 Ke1 94.Qc3+ Kd1 95.Qa1+ Kd2 96.a6 Re7+ 97.Kb8 Re8+ 98.Kc7 Ke2 99.Qa2+ Kf1 100.Qc4+ Re2? [100...Ke1=]

101.Qh4 Rc2+ 102.Kb6 Rb2

103.b5?? [Li missed a chance to win! 103.a7! Ra2 104.Qxh2+–]



103...Rxb5+ 104.Kxb5 Kg1 105.Qg3+ Kh1 106.Qf3+ Kg1 107.Qg4+ Kh1 108.Qe2 Kg1 109.Qg4+ Kh1 110.Qf3+ Kg1 111.a7 f1Q+ 112.Qxf1+ Kxf1 113.a8Q Kg1

[Kudos to both players on a great tournament result and for playing such a wonderful fighting game. I hope that the tournament organizer, Xuhao He, continues doing a great job on attracting promising young players and the GMs to Seattle and promoting chess on the West coast!]

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Puzzle Answers

Below are the solutions to the 10 puzzles listed earlier in the newsletter.

Problem 1
1. Qxg7#

Problem 2
1. Qxf7+ Kh8
2. Qxg7#

Problem 3
1. a4 h5
2. a5 h4
3. a6 h3
4. a7 h2
5. a8=Q+

Problem 4
1. Rd4

Problem 5
1. axb5 Qf3+
2. Kf1 Nh3
3. Qa2+ Kh8
4. b3

Problem 6
1. Bxb4 cxb4
2. c3 Ne2
3. Bxh5 Kg3
4. Bxe2 Bf2
5. c2 Be1
6. c1=Q

Problem 7
1. h2 Rxa3
2. h1=Q+ Kb8
3. Qb1+ Kc8
4. Qc1+ Kb7
5. Qxa3

Problem 8
1. Qd4+ Nf6
2. Qxf6+ Rxf6
3. Rd8+ Rf8
4. Rxf8 Qg8
5. Rdxg8+ Kh7
6. R1g7#

Problem 9
1. Rf6+ Ke5
2. Bc1 Qb8
3. Rxd6 Qe8
4. Bf4+ Kf5
5. e4+ Qxe4
6. fxe4+

Problem 10
1. Qf4+ gxf4
2. Bxf4+ Ne5
3. Bxe5+ Rd6
4. Bxd6+ Ka8
5. Nb6+ axb6
6. axb6+ Na6
7. Rxc8+ Rxc8
8. Rxa6+ bxa6
9. Bg2+ Qf3
10. Bxf3+ Rc6
11. Bxc6#

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A celebratory picture from the beginners section o the Quad Cities tournament Oct 26th-27th, 2019.